



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by tribal elected officials and area elders as the ribbon is cut to officially open the new Chickasaw Nation Connerville Senior Center. The ceremony was Monday, April 30. Mike McKee

Elders excited about new facility

Connerville senior center dedicated

CONNERVILLE, Okla. – Governor Bill Anoatubby was joined by many Connerville-area Chickasaw elders, as well as tribal officials, to dedicate the new Chickasaw Nation Connerville Senior Center.

The ribbon cutting ceremony was April 30.

The new 6,000 square-foot senior center, at 6654 U.S.

Highway 377 N in Connerville, is open to Chickasaw and other Native American elders who live in the area. The facility will also serve as a community center.

“We place a very high priority on serving Chickasaw seniors,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Our seniors are trailblazers and we appreciate them. We

are always looking for ways to improve the quality of their lives. This new facility helps us achieve that mission.”

The new building was customized specifically for the area’s seniors. Elders provided input on amenities they wanted in the facility, including a

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Are you registered to vote in upcoming tribal elections?

Registering to vote in Chickasaw elections is an easy process. You can register online, send an email, send a letter or call the tribal election office.

To qualify for Chickasaw voter registration, applicants must have an official Chickasaw Nation citizenship card and be

age 18 or older. Once a registered voter, tribal election ballots are mailed to voters during election periods.

The process is easy! Voters simply receive the ballot in the mail, mark it, sign it and send it back in the envelope provided and no postage is necessary.

The last day to register to vote in this year’s tribal elections is July 10.

Voting is a way to honor our Chickasaw ancestors and take pride in the historic perseverance of the Chickasaw Nation.

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‘Te Ata’ to be performed at OCU, National Museum

The Chickasaw Nation and Oklahoma City University are collaborating to present a play inspired by the life and legacy of Chickasaw performer Te Ata.

“Te Ata” will be presented June 14-17 and June 21-24 at Oklahoma City University. The play will be presented at 8 p.m. June 14-16 and 21-23. Matinees will be presented at 2 p.m. June 16-17 and 23-24.

One of America’s most beloved Native storytellers, Te

Ata achieved national and international acclaim with her one-person performances of American Indian folklore. She enchanted a wide variety of audiences including presidents, European royalty, and other heads of state.

“Te Ata brought the beauty and wisdom of American Indian culture to the world in a way that helped develop greater appreciation for core values such

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Cultural Center named ‘Outstanding Attraction’

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Cultural Center recently received a RedBud Award as “Outstanding New Attraction” in Oklahoma.

The honor was announced by the Oklahoma State Department of Tourism and the

Oklahoma Travel Industry May 8 during the annual RedBud Award ceremonies at the Oklahoma History Center.

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large front porch.

The new senior center is almost twice the size of the previous facility. It includes a large kitchen, dining room, television room and an arts and crafts room. The facility's computer room doubles as a safe room.

It will also serve as a community center with the capability to host birthday parties, family gatherings and social events.

Since the 1980s, Connerville-area elders have met in a reno-

vated former grocery store. More than 82,500 meals were served in the former facility. The number of meals served to area elders is expected to increase with the opening of the new building.

Juanita Moody, of Pontotoc, said she was very thankful for the new facility.

She has relied on the Connerville site for more than 20 years, she said, for nutritious meals and fellowship. Coming to the senior center is part of her daily routine.

Mrs. Moody is impressed with the new facility.

"It is really nice. It's uptown," she said.

About 200 Chickasaw elders, along with 2,500 non-Chickasaw Native elders from the Connerville area, will have access to the facility.

Opening the new Connerville site occurred the same week as the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center in Madill, said Division on Aging administrator Karen Cook.

It was then that Mrs. Cook met Mrs. Jessie Sandefur, an active senior at the Madill site, who attended the Connerville ribbon cutting.

"All the senior centers provide a place for people to associate and enjoy fellowship with other seniors," Mrs. Sandefur said. "Everyone I know really enjoys it."

The Chickasaw Nation operates senior sites in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Colbert, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma,

Madill, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

Last year, approximately 150,000 meals were served at Chickasaw Senior Centers.

In addition to meals, the Chickasaw Nation Aging program offer trips, health screenings, exercise classes and education sessions.

For more information, call the Chickasaw Nation Division of Aging at (580) 795-9790.

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as basic human kindness and respect for the natural world," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Her life's work helped bring diverse cultures closer together. She is a shining example of how artistic expression can change hearts and minds."

Te Ata - "Bearer of the Dawn" in Chickasaw - was named the first "Oklahoma Treasure" 25 years ago. She is a member of both the Chickasaw and Oklahoma Halls of Fame.

The production will be brought to life by award-winning Chickasaw playwright JudyLee Oliva. Ms. Oliva holds a

Master of Fine Arts in directing from the University of Oklahoma and a Ph.D. in theater and drama from Northwestern University. Her work has been seen by audiences from coast to coast including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles.

She was named the 2006 Dynamic Chickasaw Woman of the Year for her work on "Te Ata." She has published two text books and has contributed to more than 20 other books and journals.

"Te Ata" will be directed by noted Indian scholar and director Dr. Christy Stanlake. An

associate professor of English and director of the Navy Theatre program at the U.S. Naval Academy, Dr. Stanlake earned a Ph.D. in theatre history, literature and criticism from Ohio State University, where she specialized in Native American dramaturgy. She earned a Master of Arts in theatre from the University of Oklahoma.

The production includes music composed by Jan Seiden.

Tickets are now available through the Oklahoma City University Theatre Department at (405) 208-5227, or visit the OCU website for more information at www.okcu.edu/theatre. Tickets range from \$12 to \$15. Students, senior citizens, Allied Art members and groups will receive discounts.

The Oklahoma performances will be followed by a tour production July 5-8 at the National Museum of the American Indian Rasmuson Theatre in Washington, D.C. For more information about the Washington, D.C. performance, visit <http://nmai.si.edu/calendar/>.

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REGISTER TO VOTE

Remember, your vote does make a difference!

For voter registration forms and more information on becoming a registered Chickasaw voter, visit www.Chickasaw.net/vote, call (888) 661-0137 or email rita.loder@chickasaw.net.

You may also visit the Chickasaw Nation Election Office at 2015 Lonnie Abbott Industrial Boulevard, Ada, Okla., or send

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mail to P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821.

If you or your family members have recently relocated, be sure to update your address. Your current address must be on file to receive a voting ballot during tribal election periods.

To update your address, call (888) 661-0137 or email rita.loder@chickasaw.net.

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Earth Day Awareness event host by the Division of Arts and Humanities featured Native American artist Bunky Echo-Hawk.

'Live paint' highlights Earth Day

Indian artist Bunky Echo-Hawk presented an interactive "live paint" while speaking on environmental sustainability April 23. The event was hosted by the Division of Arts and Humanities.

Mr. Echo-Hawk is a graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts and is co-founder and executive director of NVision, a national nonprofit that focuses on Native American youth development.

His artwork during the event

focused on protecting trees and the environment. The idea behind the painting was conceived through dialogue between Mr. Echo-Hawk and the audience.

"You know not what you do," was the message inscribed on the tree in his painting. He said that this message was there to convey the relationship among humans, trees and all vegetation.

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Voting gives wings to your voice; honors your ancestors

Thriving democracies are characterized by an engaged and dynamic citizenry. Voting by citizens is critical. When voting participation shrinks, it can often be a sign of decline within the democracy itself.

It is imperative that we, as active citizens, take the time to become informed on the key issues – then vote. Minus that scenario, the rights and privileges we enjoy as Americans, and as Chickasaws, are whittled away.

An election is conducted each summer to choose tribal legislators and judges. Legislators and judges are elected to three-year terms, assuring an annual election. The Governor/Lt. Governor teams are elected to four-year terms. The next gubernatorial election will be in 2015.

Of course, there are also state and local elections each year, all of which are important.

This year, 2012, is a presidential election year. A presidential year normally signals a higher-than-average voter turnout. However, average voter turnout in presidential elections since 1960 is just 55.37%. In the 19th Century, from 1840 to 1900, presidential turnout averaged about 75%.

In America today, many potential voters say they are either too busy to vote, or that their vote really doesn't matter. In the first instance, we each must make voting a priority plus, voting in America is easy! Your



GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

her policies and plans for tribe or country.

If you are 18 and not yet a registered voter, it is

polling place is going to be your home, and you can choose to vote absentee prior to the election. We are very fortunate in this country. In many countries, voters must travel long distances and stand in line for hours to cast ballots.

In the second case, your vote really does matter! There are many examples of candidates winning or losing by just a handful of votes.

Your vote is so critically important to your tribe, your country and your family. When you cast your ballot, you are choosing not just a person, but also his or

simple both through the tribe and through your local government.

When registering with the tribe, you can call, email or send a letter to the tribal election office. You will receive your form in the mail that you will complete and return. You can also now go online, print the registration form, complete it and mail it in.

You must register no later than July 10 to be eligible for this year's tribal elections.

In your local area you may register at your county election office, or you may register at one of the many voter registration booths that normally appear in public areas in advance of presidential elections.

It is important to know that different states have different rules regarding when you must sign up to be eligible to vote. In Oklahoma, you must register at least 25 days prior to the election to be eligible. This year's presidential election is Nov. 1.

You should know states also have different voter identification laws. Most states accept non-photo identification for voters.

The main thing to remember is – your vote counts! I cannot emphasize enough the importance of your participation as a tribal and American citizen. You are leading your tribe and country when you vote.

Don't let another day go by. Register today!



Chickasaw Nation Horticulture staff member Tamiko Poe, left, visits with State Rep. Lisa Billy, a Chickasaw, during "Chikasha Poya – We Are Chickasaw" event at the Oklahoma State Capitol May 2.



State Rep. and House Speaker Designate T.W. Shannon, a Chickasaw, admires a beaded collar as tribal demonstrator Debbie Walker looks on.

Small Business Center hosts 'Lunch and Learn' for Chickasaws June 13

The Chickasaw Nation Small Business Development Center has a great informational program for you. The center's monthly "Lunch and Learn" meetings offer quick, educational sessions for Chickasaws. June's meeting is set for Wednesday, June 13 at noon at the Arts and Humanities building, 201 N. Broadway in Ada.

This month's topic is the Chickasaw Nation Preferred Vendor Program. Guest speaker will be vendor developer Bill James with the Division of Commerce.

To reserve your seat, contact Brett Joplin at (580) 559-0620 or brett.joplin@chickasaw.net

The Small Business Development Center offers quality, one-to-one business counseling and economic development assistance to Chickasaw entrepreneurs. Offerings include business plan assistance, bank relations, credit analysis and credit counseling.

"Lunch and Learn" sessions are the second Wednesday of each month.

To reserve your seat or for more information, contact Brett Joplin at (580) 559-0620 or brett.joplin@chickasaw.net.

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'Chikasha Poya – We Are Chickasaw'

Chickasaws rally for 'Chickasaw Day at the Capitol'

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation hosted "Chikasha Poya – We Are Chickasaw" at the Oklahoma State Capitol, Wednesday, May 2.

"We are honored to share a slice of our culture and heritage with citizens of Oklahoma," Governor Bill Anoatubby said.

The "Chikasha Poya – We Are Chickasaw" event included activities and demonstrations rich in Chickasaw history and culture. Visitors learned about

Chickasaw traditions, programs and Chickasaw destinations through demonstration and information booths, live music and more.

Several state elected officials, including State Representatives and Chickasaws T.W. Shannon and Lisa Billy, State Rep. Wes Hilliard, (D-Sulphur) and State Senator Susan Paddock, (D-Ada) as well as hundreds of visitors participated in the event.

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Oklahoma legislative pages, from left, Glenn Coffee III, Dakota Jones, and Stephanie Heller listen as Michael Cornelius plays the Native Flute. The Chickasaw Nation hosted "Chikasha Poya – We Are Chickasaw" at the Oklahoma State Capitol May 2.

Our work with Boys & Girls Clubs gets results

Providing a positive influence in the life of a child is a tremendously valuable gift. Today's children are exposed to so many challenging images and events, a helping hand and a caring attitude can make a huge difference.

At the Chickasaw Nation, we take our responsibility to children seriously. One of the most satisfying programs we offer is in conjunction with the National Boys & Girls Clubs of America. This organization offers recreation programs and facilities for children of all ethnic, social and economic backgrounds.

Currently, the Chickasaw Nation participates in the Boys & Girls Clubs in Sulphur and Tishomingo. These clubs, on average, serve 91 and 71 children every day, respectively. That's a lot of kids!

The clubs offer a fun, safe place for the children to come, usually after school and weekends. During summers, the clubs offer expanded programs.

The Boys & Girls Clubs offer sports, fitness and recreation. They also offer programs on healthy lifestyles, proper nutrition and wholesome fellowship.

During summer, the clubs also offer field trips and game competitions between clubs.

The Chickasaw Nation Boys & Girls Clubs are open to all boys

and girls ages six through 18. Clubs are open Monday through Friday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. during the school year. Summer hours vary and parents should check with their local club.

All this for an annual membership fee of \$12!

I think one of the very finest things a man, woman or organization can ever do is help a child. We can be proud our tribe is helping so many children every day.

The Boys & Girls Clubs motto is "Great Futures Start Here." We are a big part of that mission!

Thank you, as always, for your time and your interest in our tribe and all the good things we share. Please call or email me anytime I can be of help.

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Pride in customer service shows in our tribal operations

Chukma! Chin Chukma to all my friends in the great Chickasaw Nation. I hope this finds you well and happy.

The Human Resources Committee had only one resolution in May. It was a resolution for continued funding that is very important to our providing services to Chickasaw youth and families. It passed by unanimous vote of the Legislature.

As you know, the Legislature is the law making body of the Chickasaw Nation and is not involved in the day-to-day operations of tribal programs and businesses. Therefore, the Legislators like to tour the programs and businesses from time to time so that we can be familiar with the various programs and businesses. In May, we took a three-day tour of the facilities and operations within the Nation. I think the other Legisla-

tors agree with me that the tour was thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening!

It was refreshing to meet the various program administrators and staff and see the pride of all the employees in their positions and work. It was very easy for us to see why the Nation is doing so well. The Chickasaw Nation has hired and trained very professional and capable employees to serve our citizens! The attached picture shows some of the Legislators visiting the manufacturing plant in Marietta that is owned and operated by our tribal corporation, Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc..

The tour reminded us of the gratitude we have for our business operations that are top-of-the-line of anywhere in the U.S. Our businesses provide funding for many of the programs and services the Nation provides for

Chickasaws and other Native Americans. Because of our emphasis on customer service, everyone enjoys doing business with us at any of our businesses. The two welcome centers being built, one in Davis on I-35 and one in Sulphur, will no doubt make all visitors feel welcome to our Nation. The Cultural Center continues to educate and entertain more and more visitors all the time. The new Artesian Hotel being built in Sulphur will add opportunities to educate and enjoy the area even more!

Our hats are off to the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Division! I wish I had the space to tell you everything the Division is planning and performing for the enjoyment and education of our citizens. And the resident artists are very busy producing traditional and contemporary works. It is truly amazing!

I certainly hope to hear from you so I know what I can do to enhance your quality of life. Please contact me through dean.mcmamus@chickasaw.net or call me at 580.436.1460.

Chi ihollo li!(I love you!)

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4



**DEAN
MCMANUS**

Secretary,
Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

Return of stickball conjures visions of times past

May passed in a blur of activities. Let me share a few of the highlights!

At the Chickasaw Reunion, we witnessed history in the making! Our stickball team, Chikasha Toli' hosted the first Chikasha Kabutucha To'li' Tournament. The last recorded stickball game was held to settle a dispute between the Chickasaws and Choctaws in 1903 and took place south of present day Allen, Okla., at Buffalo Valley. Fighting broke out, the Lighthouse Police had to be called in and the game was never finished. A monument was placed at the location commemorating this historical event. This year, tournament games were held at our new stickball field located at Kullihoma. Many spectators were in attendance. It had the feel of long ago; you could almost visualize our ancestors running up and down the field! The grand

champion trophy was presented to Tvshkahoma, runner up was Okla Hannali and third place was Chikasha Toli'. Under the direction of their captain, Jeremy Wallace, the Chikasha Toli' team is preparing for the Jim Thorpe Games in June. We wish them much support and encouragement as they go forth representing our tribe and bring back the culture and game traditions of our ancestors! Chukmushki'

The Chickasaw Hall of Fame Banquet was held in early May at the Riverwind Casino in Norman, Oklahoma. Levi Colbert (1759-1834) was selected as one of this year's inductees! Mr. Bill Duckworth with encouragement from Mrs. Barbara Beshirs, Mrs. Kay Anders and many others made the nomination and submitted the necessary docu-

mentation. Several descendants of Mr. Levi Colbert reside in the Panola District. It was VERY exciting to have so many from my district in attendance.

Bloomfield News: Wanted: People who are related to or know about one of our residents at the Bloomfield School Indian Cemetery, Mr. Holmes Colbert. According to his marker, Mr. Colbert was laid to rest on March 24, 1872. If you have a Paul Harvey moment of "now you know the rest of the story" please contact me.

A quick shout out of thanks to Mrs. Vickye Gordon and Mr. Mike Wingo for providing Panola District with a VERY INFORMATIVE council meeting. Mr. Wingo shared detailed information on Chickasaw housing options for our citizens here in the Panola District. We had a great turnout. Our next meeting will be on Saturday, August 25 at 1:30 p.m.

This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; James 1:19

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Chikasha Toli' stickball players preparing to play at the new stickball field at Kullihoma.

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ALEXANDER**

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Investing business funds in programs helps Chickasaws

Hello Everyone,
I hope you are enjoying your summer and staying cool.
Recently the Legislators had the privilege of visiting several of our businesses and getting to know a little more about how those businesses are operated and the important role each played to the growth of the Chickasaw Nation.

We saw everything from the local sod and tree farm to our manufacturing plant in Marietta known as Innovation One. At the plant a host of products are manufactured ranging from cattle feeders to parts for military aircraft. As we toured the plant,



CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Kent Foster, plant manager, explained how the products are made and shipped all over the world depending on the contract stipulations. The recent purchase of new equipment keeps the company in the fore front of technology and helps them stay competitive with larger less streamlined companies.

At WinStar, now the third largest casino in the world, expansion plans are well underway and we had the chance to tour the new additions to the casino. Future venues include a night club, an El Fenix Mexican restaurant, and larger buffet, and a third tower is in the plans for the WinStar hotel. This expansion will allow for future job growth in the area

and help those Chickasaws who are looking for employment find a job.

It's great to be part of a tribe that puts so much back into programs that benefits its citizens; I can truly say its great to be Chickasaw.

Thank you,
Connie Barker
Tribal Legislator, Pickens District Seat 2

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Kullihoma visit brings back great feelings of history

Hello Everyone
I hope you and your family are enjoying peace, prosperity and good health.
We recently celebrated the 15th Annual Chickasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) at Kullihoma. Kullihoma is a 1,500-acre tribal reserve located about 10 miles east of Ada. At one time, many Chickasaw families lived and farmed there. Among other things, Kullihoma had a stomp ground, a school and a church for the people in the area.

Kullihoma has always been a favorite gathering place for our people. Chickasaws from all parts of Oklahoma and other states come to the gathering. Many stay at the campground.

The Chickasaw Honor Guard opened the event Friday afternoon with a presentation of the colors, followed by a prayer in the Chickasaw language by Lee Frazier.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Then, until it got dark, we were all treated to demonstrations of beadwork, moccasin making, basket weaving, the making of traditional clothing, bow and arrow crafting and enjoyed games of stickball.

The wonderful evening ended with our traditional dances, danced in the light of a campfire.

Activities kicked off again early Saturday morning with a youth fishing derby. There were many activities and demonstrations going on all day. A corn stalk shoot and an adult stickball tournament highlighted the day's events.

At noon we were treated to a traditional lunch of salt meat, beans, fry bread, grape dumplings and pashofa.

Sam is an 83-year-old, full-blood Chickasaw. He had two very large black iron pots full of pashofa. He was gently stirring

the corn and pork to make sure it did not scorch. As we visited, I watched him and realized he was preparing the pashofa with the same care and pride as my Grandfather had years ago.

It was such a joy to visit with Sam. He was born just 5 miles east of Kullihoma at Johnson Chapel, which is still an active Chickasaw church today.

Sam told me stories about riding to Kullihoma in a wagon with his parents to attend church that was actually held in the Kullihoma school house.

The roads to Kullihoma were dirt and the wagons were slow-moving. Sam laughed remembering the times he would hop off the slow-moving wagon, run as fast as he could and be waiting at the church when his parents pulled up in the wagon!

I hope you will make plans to be at the Kullihoma reunion next year. You will always remember the place and the people.

Respectfully,
Katie



Remember to apply for your college scholarship by June 15

Chukma, Hello Everyone,
Congratulations to all of our Chickasaw graduates from Head Start, Kindergarten, High School, and Universities all across the nation.

The Chickasaw Nation is very well represented by our young people. I love to read the biographies of our young graduates to see what their future plans are. We are so blessed to be able to offer many ways to help them with their plans, whether it involves college, vocational programs, or just finding jobs.

Don't forget the deadline for college scholarships is June 15. As Chairperson of the Education Committee in the legislature, it has been my honor to

support the many educational programs we are able to offer to our people of all ages. The Higher Education program just continues to grow every year as more and more people are seeking assistance to achieve their goals of having a college education. I hear praises continually about the program.

Many parents love the incentive program as it encourages students to study hard, make good grades, and complete their degrees. One of the newer programs we have for our young students, ages 6-18, is the Native Explorers Club. The meetings are geared to introduce our young people to careers in science and medicine. There is also a college age program, in which students

are given the opportunity to go on a two week summer excavation with trained scientists. The robotics classes have also been highly successful as more teams are established every year.

For information on these or any other educational programs, please call (580) 421-7711. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

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Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,846	Pontotoc	12,334
Pickens	7,766	Tishomingo	5,412
		Total	27,358

45.08 %
19.78 %
6.75 %
28.39 %

Legend: Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc, Tishomingo

New Connerville senior center a real blessing for our elders

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. As I write this article, Chikasha Ittifama (Chickasaw Reunion) starts tomorrow. It's the 15th annual Reunion and I hope to see many of you there!

We attended the ribbon cutting for the new Connerville Senior Citizens building. It is beautiful, of course, with automatic doors which are just what is needed to assist the many seniors who use walkers and canes and have trouble opening heavy doors. Many elders also have arthritis which makes opening doors a chore, especially on windy days and we have our share of wind in Oklahoma. A large crowd was present at the event.



MARY JO GREEN

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The Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging works so hard to provide many services for our elders and we are all so thankful for the Division's help and care.

I'm glad that the Seniors' conference at Winstar Hotel and Casino has grown so much over the years. This last year especially has seen much growth. I attended and visited with as many seniors as possible. Everyone learned something new and we had lots of good food to eat.

This year's Hall of Fame Banquet was one of the best. Much planning goes into each banquet, as is typical of all Chickasaw events. This is evidence of good leadership and

excellent employees working together to make each event better than the last.

Several of us enjoyed community council meetings in Oklahoma City and Purcell. I especially enjoyed seeing Australia through a presentation given in Oklahoma City by two couples who recently visited there. Both Community Council meetings were attended by large crowds.

The Legislature was treated to a bus tour, over three days, of many of our facilities across the Chickasaw Nation. We got to see and/or visit places and enterprises that many of us had not seen before. I specifically remember the Chickasaw White House with its period furniture, china and crystal sets donated by the Johnston family, and the family books and children's toys; Madill Senior Citizens' site for lunch; and driving through the Chickasaw Children's Village.

The Chickasaw Nation has so many more facilities and projects that we didn't have just eight short years ago. As Chickasaws, we are so truly blessed!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site.

Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.

Hall of Fame ceremonies lead us to appreciate fellow Chickasaws

The annual Chickasaw Hall of Fame ceremony was held in early May and what an event! It is so rewarding to see the many Chickasaws who are recognized each year and all their accomplishments. I hope each of you can take the time to go to www.chickasaw.net and read about each of this year's inductees. What an impressive line-up. It gives those of us who attended role models to look up to and gives us aspirations for our very own accomplishments. Thank you to those who help put on this prestigious event each year.

June 15 is the deadline for the Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarships and grant applications. Scholarships and grants are available

for full and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students. The fall semester deadline is September 1. Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive assistance for your tuition. Chickasaw students living within or outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries are all eligible. For information about the scholarships and grants, contact the higher education department at (580) 421-7711.

Election time is upon us. If you are a registered voter, you should have received a postcard in the mail with the dates. Ballots will be mailed July 3 to voters living outside the United States. July 17 is when ballots will be mailed to all other voters living within the

United States. Ballots must be received at the Ada post office by July 31. This is a very important date to remember. Just as any other election, YOUR VOTE COUNTS! Please make your opinion heard and fill out the ballot as soon as you receive it.

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible; but not with God; all things are possible with God." ~Mark 10:27



SHANA HAMMOND

Chickasaw
Tribal
Legislature

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2013 on June 7, 2012, at the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Scott Colbert in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Scott Colbert prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw girls make good showings at state golf tourney

Chokma, I hope all is well with you and your family. I want to congratulate Rachel Wainscott, a senior at Byng; Madeline Jacks, a sophomore at Sulphur; Delaney Daniel, a freshman at Byng; and Katelyn Snipes, from Lone Grove. They did an outstanding job at the State Golf Tournament. Rachel and Katelyn tied for 21st, Delaney finished 54th and Madeline finished 58th. In talking with Delaney's mother, she mentioned a couple of the girls got their start at the Chickasaw summer golf camp and have only been playing a short time. Great job!

On a recent legislative tour we visited InnovationOne in Marietta, Okla. InnovationOne is a CNI company, and Manager Kent Foster gave us the grand tour and informed us of their capabilities including laser cutting, CNC machining, welding, and powder coating. They are currently working on a large fabrication project for use on the production line at US Steel, and have also contracted projects for the Air Force and Army. They have a motivated, hard working, and dedicated staff, and are very proud their work benefits the people of the Chickasaw Nation.

I had a great time at the Chikasha Ittifama. I enjoyed participating in the cornstalk shoot, watching the stickball tournament and the youth events are always so much fun. One of my highlights was visit-

ing with Mr. Jerry Underwood and his wife, Eileen. In our conversation I discovered that my great-great grandfather and Jerry's father were half brothers. We spoke a lot about family history and how we all are part of one large, Chickasaw family.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.

Toby Perkins, Legislator, Pontotoc District, Seat 1
(580) 399-2606 toby.perkins@chickasaw.net



Toby Perkins with Jerry Underwood at Chikasha Ittifama.



From left, Rachel Wainscott, Madeline Jacks and Delaney Daniel.

All Chickasaws welcome at 'Open Casting Call' June 29-30 in Ada



ADA, Okla. - **Lights! Camera! Action!**

Mark your calendar today to attend the Chickasaw Nation Open Casting Call, set for June 29 and 30 in Ada.

Chickasaws of all ages are invited to come and share their acting, voice and modeling skills. There is no experience necessary.

The event will be at the McSwain Theatre June 29 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., and June 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hosted by the Division of Communications, the event offers photo, video and voice recordings for aspiring Chickasaw actors and models.

"We are going to build a database of Chickasaws who would like to be included in movies, voiceovers, photo shoots and more," Communications administrator Robyn Elliott said.

Chickasaws are regularly needed for projects, including movies like "Pearl," television commercials, documentaries and more.

"With this database, we will have a great resource that will allow us to include many Chickasaws in a variety of venues," Ms. Elliott said.

The Open Casting Call is not a competitive tryout. It is an

opportunity for Chickasaws to be part of a large portfolio of potential actors, models and talent.

In addition to the photo, video and voice productions, attendees will have the opportunity to attend classes. Sessions will include how to market your talents; how to make an effective voiceover; basics of acting, and more.

Each registered attendee will be assigned a 10-minute time slot to complete the basic productions. It is important for applicants to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to their slots as others will be awaiting their opportunities. Applicants who miss their time slot will be placed on a waiting list.

To register for the Open Casting Call, complete the application on this page of the *Chickasaw Times* and mail it to: Mr. Jody Teeter, The Chickasaw Nation, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821. Applications must be received no later than June 15.

Applications are also available at www.chickasaw.net

All travel is strictly on your own and will not be reimbursed. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

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A scene from the Chickasaw Nation production "The Chickasaw Removal," featuring many Chickasaw actors.

Chickasaw Casting Call

June 29-30, 2012

The Chickasaw Nation has many avenues for Chickasaw citizens to share their acting, modeling, or voice talent. A casting call, open to citizens of all ages, will be conducted June 29 from 1-6 p.m. and June 30 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Each participant will have 10 minutes to present his or her talent in the areas of focus listed below.

Areas of focus include:

- Voice (off camera, off stage)- examples: promotions on KCNP, narration, story telling
- Modeling - examples: calendars, progress report, brochures, etc.
- Video- examples: commercials, documentaries, movies

Individuals interested in attending the casting call should mail the completed application below to **Jody Teeter, Post Office Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821**. An application can be found online at www.chickasaw.net. The application can be completed online but must be printed, signed and mailed to the address above. All applications for minors must be signed by a parent or guardian.

No prior experience required.

Applicants will be mailed/emailed more information (including time slot) once applications are received.

The deadline for submitting applications is June 15, 2012.

The day of the casting call, applicants should arrive 15 minutes prior to their allotted time slot for registration. Applicants that miss their allotted time will be placed on a waiting list to audition after all registered time slots are completed, and as time permits. In addition, all minors must be accompanied to the casting call by a parent or guardian. Individuals who have a resume or head shots are asked to bring copies to registration. Resumes and head shots will be kept on file, and will not be returned.

No travel reimbursements will be issued.

Chickasaw Casting Call Application

June 29-30, 2012

Name: _____
Last First MI

Address: _____
Street/Apt. P.O. Box City State Zip

Home Phone No.: _____ Alternate Contact No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Alternate Email Address: _____

Male: _____ Female: _____ Age: _____ School Grade: _____

Chickasaw Citizen (please include copy of Chickasaw Citizenship card/certificate):

Areas of interest: Please check all areas of interest

Voice ☐ Modeling ☐ Video ☐
(Circle area of interest)
Singing and/or Narration

Participant's Name (print) Participant's Signature Date

Parent/Guardian's Name Parent/Guardian's signature Date

Deadline to submit application is June 15, 2012. **No Travel Reimbursement.** All Travel is at the expense of the person auditioning.

Mail completed application to: **Jody Teeter, PO Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

Application can be completed and submitted online at www.chickasaw.net

Gov. Anoatubby opens annual Elders Conference

Chickasaw seniors gather for information, fellowship



Chickasaw Nation Gov. Anoatubby welcomes the more than 250 Chickasaw seniors in attendance at the 19th annual Chickasaw Elders Conference, May 8-9 at WinStar World Casino in Thackerville, Okla. The conference helps provide seniors valuable information about programs, services and issues relating to senior citizens.

Mike McKee

The annual conference allows the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging an opportunity to provide valuable information to Chickasaw seniors. The Elders Conference is a two-day event during which a number of issues are explored.

Many at the conference had attended several of the annual conferences. A few had participated in all 19 conferences.

Elders heard presentations about services provided by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Homeland Affairs from program administrator Kirk Perry and historical preservation officer LaDonna Brown; information about Clemente classes and other Arts and Humanities projects from Freida Clark, Arts and Humanities director of special projects; and an update on the annual tribal veterans trip to Washington, D.C., from Stacy Wesberry, senior information director.

Presentations about healthy lifestyles, life transitions, Alzheimer's disease and a memorial program were also included during the conference.

Many elders who attended said the conference provided valuable information, as well as opportunity for fellowship with friends throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

Vicki Wilkins, a member of the Madill site, said she was attending her third conference and learned something new each year.

"I enjoy it and I get to see friends from Purcell, Oklahoma City, Connerville and Tishomingo," she said.

Mrs. Wilkins added she tried

THACKERVILLE, Okla. - "Never too Old to Play" was the theme of the 19th annual Chickasaw Elders Conference, at WinStar World Casino, May 8-9.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby greeted the 230 Chickasaw elders in attendance and updated the group on the recent improvements and new tribal facilities dedicated to serving elders.

"The Chickasaw Nation works diligently to honor our elders," Gov. Anoatubby said. "You are a treasured part of our history, culture and people. Your memories make up our heritage and this conference is just another way in which we say you are valued among your people."

The tribe's new projects unfolding this year, Gov. Anoatubby said, included the opening of the Panola Senior Center, Colbert, Okla., and the new Connerville Senior Center. The new Ardmore Senior Center is scheduled to open later this year.

"Each new facility was designed to improve the overall quality of life of all those who utilize," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Providing these sites is a way to raise you up and let you know you are valued."

Following Gov. Anoatubby's welcome, the conference was in full swing.



More than 250 attended the 19th annual Chickasaw Elder's Conference.

to participate in most of the Elder's activities, including trips.

"They are like a mini vacation."

The Elders Conference was presented in conjunction with

national Older Americans Month. Older Americans Month was established in 1963 by the U.S. Department of Health Human Services Administration on Aging to acknowledge the

contributions of past and current older citizens to the country.

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Chickasaw history, culture, traditions focus of Elders Day at Cultural Center



Charles and Ermajean Vann with their grandson, Bryson Vann at Elders Day.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw history, culture and tradition were in the spotlight during Chickasaw Nation Elders Day April 26 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center. The day was hosted by the Division of History and Culture. Elders from senior sites throughout the Chickasaw Nation attended the event.

Cultural Resources director Eddie Postoak presented an overview of the Division's programs and services and interesting details about the Cultural Center.

During the program, tribal storyteller Dixie Brewer presented three tribal tales and a

native flute performance by Michael Cornelius was featured.

The elders all enjoyed lunch together.

Bob Holt, of Pauls Valley, Okla., attended the event with his wife Barbara.

"I look forward to these events, every year," he said. "It is nice to see old friends."

The event turned into a family reunion for the Vann family, of Pauls Valley. Grandson Bryson Vann, who works at the Cultural Center, served lunch to his grandparents, Charles and Ermajean Vann, and was able to visit with them.

Bryson said he had learned much about his Chickasaw heritage from his grandparents.

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Shirley Stark, a Purcell senior site member, participates in stretching exercises during the 2012 Chickasaw Elders Conference.



Wayne Lowrance and Betty Clark, both of Sulphur, enjoy Elders Day at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Colbert, Harris, Tate, Spivey new members

Ceremony inducts four into Chickasaw Hall of Fame



Native American preservationist Towana Spivey, state and tribal judge Charles Tate, tribal peacemaker Levi Colbert and historic Governor Cyrus Harris were inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame on May 3 by Governor Bill Anoatubby. Mr. Spivey and Mr. Tate attended the ceremony while Levi Colbert and Cyrus Harris were inducted posthumously. Bill Duckworth accepted the honor on behalf of Levi Colbert; Janey Polk-Dutnell accepted on behalf of Cyrus Harris. From left are Gov. Anoatubby, Mr. Duckworth, Mr. Spivey, Mrs. Polk-Dutnell, Judge Tate and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

Marcy Gray

GOLDSBY, Okla. - More than 650 people attended this year's Chickasaw Hall of Fame induction ceremonies. A Native American preservationist, an honorable state and tribal judge, a tribal peacemaker and a historic Governor were the 2012 Hall inductees.

Oklahoma House of Representatives Speaker Designate T.W. Shannon, a Chickasaw, served as master of ceremonies for the May 3 banquet. The event was hosted at the tribe's Riverwind Showplace Theatre in Goldsby.

Governor Bill Anoatubby took part in the induction of Towana Spivey, Charles Tate, Levi Colbert and Cyrus Harris. Mr. Colbert and Gov. Harris were inducted posthumously.

"Each inductee, past and present, is an inspiration to future generations of Chickasaws," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is our privilege to honor these individuals for their amazing accomplishments and significant contributions toward developing greater understanding and unity among the people of the Chickasaw Nation, other tribal nations and the United States."

"Their commitment to preserving peace, protecting sovereignty, safeguarding our heritage and history and serving others epitomizes the spirit and dedication of the Chickasaw people. They are an inspiration to all of us."

Bill Duckworth, a descendant of **Levi Colbert**, accepted on behalf of the early tribal leader known as Itawambe Miko (Bench Chief).

Mr. Duckworth said Levi Colbert was a "patient, thoughtful and planning man" who met with the U.S. president and government officials regarding treaties and removal.

"It is indeed my honor to accept such a prestigious honor for a man who is so well deserving of this award," Mr. Duckworth said. "Thank you for all who gave a vote of confidence to elect this man to the Hall of Fame."

Born in 1759 east of the Tennessee River, Mr. Colbert was a prominent Chickasaw negotiator. It was Mr. Colbert who successfully negotiated for as much compensation as possible when the tribe was forced to relinquish its Chickasaw homelands.

Throughout his life, Mr. Colbert strived to maintain peace with the U.S. government while also maintaining the integrity of the Chickasaw people and culture.

Mr. Duckworth expressed his gratitude to the Chickasaw Nation for establishing the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

"What a great thing Gov. Anoatubby and the Chickasaw Nation have done to provide a place to honor these great men and women who have given a portion of their lives helping the Chickasaw people overcome horrendous hardships and obstacles," Mr. Duckworth said. "We should be thankful for men like Gov. Anoatubby for providing great leadership for the success of the Chickasaw people."

Mr. Colbert died June 2, 1834 at Buzzard Roost, Colbert

County, Ala. at age 74.

Mrs. Janey Polk-Dutnell, great-great-granddaughter of **Cyrus Harris**, accepted the honor on Gov. Harris' behalf.

"My family always took great pride in Cyrus Harris being the first elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation," she said. "He left such a wonderful legacy of being an honorable and trustworthy Governor."

The first elected Governor of the Chickasaw Nation following the 1856 adoption of the Chickasaw constitution, Gov. Harris was subsequently elected Governor to five two-year terms.

During his time as Governor, Gov. Harris was a strong advocate for education and signed numerous pieces of legislation leading to the establishment and maintenance of boarding schools in the Nation.

"Even as a young man he always had shown an interest in the political affairs of his people," Mrs. Dutnell said. "He had the desire make the Chickasaw a strong self-sufficient tribe."

Fluent in both Chickasaw and English, a young Mr. Harris served as an interpreter at councils conducted to arrange the Chickasaws' removal to the West.

He died in 1888 at age 54 at Mill Creek, Indian Territory. He is buried in Drake Cemetery in Murray County, Okla.

After receiving a standing ovation, historian **Towana Spivey**, of Madill, Okla., reminded attendees to remember and learn from the past.

"Our past is always there, our past is broader and more

in-depth than we realize," Mr. Spivey said. "We have only to seek it, look at it and think about it in ways we are not used to thinking about it."

Throughout his life and career, Mr. Spivey has been involved in preserving the history, language and culture of many Oklahoma tribes, including his own.

He said his pride in his Chickasaw heritage led him to his life-long mission of preserving tribal history.

"The Chickasaw people lost almost everything, but the Chickasaw spirit and tenacity were never conquered."

"I have always been proud of my Chickasaw ancestry. It has had a major impact on my life, from my earliest childhood until the present time."

Mr. Spivey served as curator of the Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla., working to restore the home. He was also the preservation consultant for the 1855 Chickasaw Council House in Tishomingo, Okla. He has conducted archaeological investigations at military posts and historic sites.

He served as director/curator of Fort Sill National Historic Landmark and Museum in Lawton, Okla., and as senior curator for the U.S. Army Museum System.

A foremost authority on frontier history, Mr. Spivey has served on numerous boards and has authored several books on the subject. He has been featured in many documentaries and worked as a historical consultant to movie productions, such as "Windtalkers" and "Dances with Wolves."

Mr. Spivey is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University. He earned a master's degree in Anthropology/Archeology and Museum Studies from the University of Oklahoma.

He was born in Madill, and still lives on the original 140-acre Chickasaw allotment of his grandparents.

He said he was honored to be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

"To say I am greatly honored seems like an understatement." Hall of Fame inductee **Charles Tate**, of Ardmore, Okla., discussed the importance of family, something

his late mother, Juanita Keel-Tate, also stressed when she was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2008.

"Family is the core, it is the thing that is central," Mr. Tate said. "We should hold on to that."

A life-long protector of Native American rights and a prominent defender of Indian law, Mr. Tate said he was grateful to be inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame.

"I accept this award based on the fact it implies I am worthy and I will cherish it from now until the day I die."

He reflected on the past 100 years and how the Chickasaw Nation had thrived.

In the early 1970s, Mr. Tate began his service to tribal nations soon after he earned his juris doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. He worked for the Legal Aid Society and the All Indian Pueblo Council. He later worked as a staff attorney for Oklahomans in Indian Opportunity, a non-profit organization.

He joined his father, Ernest, in a law partnership in Ardmore in 1974.

Mr. Tate was elected a Chickasaw tribal judge and contracted with the Chickasaw Legislature to provide legal counsel.

He also served on the Court of Indian Offenses and in various positions in the tribal court for several Oklahoma tribes. He was appointed a visiting judge in cases for the Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska. In 2011, he was appointed Supreme Court Justice for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma.

He was appointed in 1995 as Special District Judge for Carter County, Okla., and served in that position until 2009.

Mr. Tate now works with the Chickasaw Nation to locate, identify and retrieve historical materials that will be archived at the Holisso Research Center, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Born February 9, 1940 in Ardmore, Mr. Tate is a descendant of Edmund Pickens, first elected Chickasaw chief in Indian Territory, and Cyrus Harris.

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Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham, Chickasaw Nation Division of History and Culture administrator, accepts a RedBud Award on behalf of the Chickasaw Cultural Center as "Outstanding New Attraction" in Oklahoma. The Chickasaw Cultural Center received the honor from the Oklahoma State Department of Tourism and the Oklahoma Travel Industry May 8 during the annual RedBud Award ceremonies at the Oklahoma History Center. Presenting the award to Dr. Cobb are host Jennifer Reynolds, left, and Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb.

dustry, the RedBud Awards are based on applications submitted in 16 tourism categories.

Located on 109 rolling acres near the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, the Chickasaw Cultural Center has hosted more than 100,000 visitors since opening in 2009. Devoted to sharing and celebrating the Chickasaw culture;

the mission of the facility is to give visitors a deeper understanding of past and present Chickasaw customs, culture and heritage.

Interactive media station and hands-on demonstrations sets the Cultural Center apart from a traditional museum and provides visitors the closest connection with the Chickasaw

Culture.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center, which opened in 2009, is just one element of the tribe's multi-million dollar tourism development in south-central Oklahoma.

The Artesian Hotel, Bedre' Chocolate Factory, and a Welcome Center are all currently under construction in the Murray County area.

A new, larger Bedre' Fine Chocolate Factory and a Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center will be located at I-35 at exit 55.

Designed to enhance visitor experience and create a new destination for visitors to the area, the 34,600 square-foot Bedre' Chocolate Factory will feature visitor tours, a hands-on area for children and provide space for expansion of the Bedre' line.

The new Welcome Center will become a gateway for the many attractions in the Chickasaw Nation, including the Chickasaw Cultural Center, Turner Falls, and Boggy Depot Park.

Serving as a venue to encourage visitors to explore the pristine beauty, storied history and outstanding hospitality of the Chickasaw Nation, the Welcome Center will provide

information about historic and cultural destinations, as well as the many recreational facilities and businesses.

The 5,500 square-foot Welcome Center will feature a gift shop which offers original Chickasaw artwork, a dog park, a playground and public restrooms. In addition, the Welcome Center will promote tourism throughout Oklahoma, providing travel information and brochures about local festivals, restaurants, hotels and other area attractions.

The new Bedre' Chocolate Factory is expected to open late 2012. Other investments include the soon-to-be open Artesian Hotel.

Located at the intersection of State Highway 177 North and Muskogee in Sulphur, the Artesian will be positioned at the entrance of the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. The hotel will be a natural complement to the Chickasaw Cultural Center and help usher in a new era of tourism in this part of the state.

A state-of-the-art facility, the Artesian will have 81 guest rooms and will include an indoor/outdoor pool, retail space, restaurant, exercise room and

a banquet room which will seat more than 250 people. The banquet room will be reminiscent of the original Artesian Hotel Ballroom, which served as the site for countless dinners, proms, and receptions for guests such as Oklahoma Gov. Roy Turner and Western film star John Wayne.

An indoor spa will utilize the same artesian well water which made the original hotel famous. The spa design incorporates significant natural elements including water, wood and rock features and will offer services for all ages, including children. The hotel will also feature amenities such as first-class guest accommodations – a total of 81 comfortable rooms and uniquely themed suites, retail shops and vendor areas, an indoor bathhouse and spa featuring whirlpool baths, massage rooms and feature separate male and female dressing rooms and lounges.

Plans for parks, retail venues and a Chickasaw National Recreation Area Visitor Center in Sulphur are under development.

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June, July Application Deadlines

Lighthorse, Justice, Sports camps upcoming

The Chickasaw Nation is preparing for an exciting summer of camps, clinics and academies. Many tribal divisions work together to provide a variety of educational activities for youth to explore new opportunities and learn new skills.

Many camps and academies have application deadlines approaching soon, with many

in June, including:

Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Youth Academy June 25-28

Lighthorse Police Headquarters, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 1

Open to Native American youth ages 13-17.

The Chickasaw Lighthorse

Police Youth Academy provides an excellent opportunity for Native American youth to explore a career in law enforcement. Students will hear from law enforcement personnel and will also learn life skills such as CPR, communication, safety and crime prevention.

Forty Native American youth will be selected. Chickasaw youth will be given first priority for the camp.

For an application and more information contact Brent Harper at 580-436-1166 or at brent.harper@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Yakni Moma Alpha
Justice for a Nation" Court Camp

July 30- Aug. 1
Tribal Judicial Building, Ada, Okla.

Application deadline June 15

Open to Chickasaw students ages 10-16

A two-day clinic that educates students about the operations of the tribe's court system, this camp emphasizes leadership and personal growth. Students will also tour the Chickasaw museum and Capital building in Tishomingo to learn the history of the Chickasaw legal system. Students will be introduced to individuals who support the courts such as Lighthorse Police, judges, justices, Peacemakers and court clerks. Each student will also have a part in a mock trial.

For more information, contact Connie Tillery at 580-235-0281 or email Connie. Tillery@chickasaw.net or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Himitta Alhaha Hochokoshkomo "The Youth are Playing"

Chickasaw Language Sports Camp July 30-Aug. 4

Various locations Application deadline July 6

Open to Chickasaw youth grades 1-6.

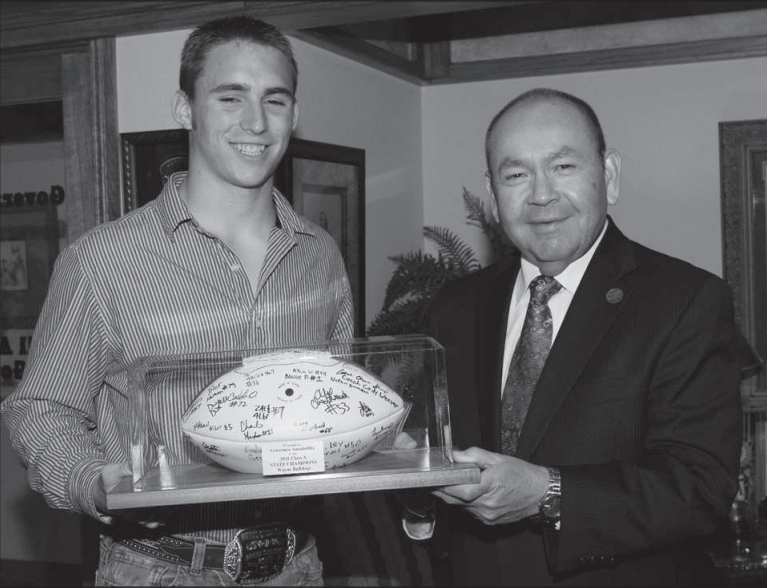
Himitta Alhaha Hochokoshkomo is designed to promote the use of the Chickasaw language in an interactive, athletic environment. Sports included in the camp are: To'li' (stickball), basketball, softball, volleyball, soccer, and numerous other games and activities. Participants must have transportation to and from camp. Camp participation is limited to

Notice: Tribal employees wear ID badges

Chickasaw citizens are being alerted to the fact that all Chickasaw Nation employees wear identification badges and will provide identification on request.

You will never be asked to provide money for a tribal service. If you are approached, or are suspicious, ask for the person's tribal identification. You may also call the Lighthorse Police Department at (580) 436-7213 or (888) 303-3234. The Lighthorse emergency number is (580) 436-1166.

Student-athlete Louden Johnson living best of Chickasaw traditions



Chickasaw student-athlete Louden Johnson presents a football signed by the 2011 Class A champion Wayne (OK) High School Bulldogs to Gov. Bill Anoatubby.

Louden Johnson's performance on the varsity football field helped propel his team to a coveted state championship title.

A sophomore at Wayne (OK) High School, the Chickasaw student-athlete has demonstrated tremendous talent on both sides of the football field.

Last year, as a freshman, he played defense on the varsity.

He registered 116 tackles, two interceptions and one touchdown.

This year, he had 146 tackles, nine sacks, and one defensive touchdown.

Offensively, he carried the ball 62 times for a total of 721 yards, averaging 11.6 yards per carry. He also had seven receptions for 261 yards, averaging 37 yards per reception

and three touchdowns, helping Wayne High School win the 2011 Oklahoma Class A state championship.

Louden was named *the Purcell* (Okla.) *Register's* Defensive Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Week four times in his short varsity experience.

He also received the 2010 Most Improved and Rookie of the Year awards.

As a student, Louden has excelled academically, maintaining a 4.0 grade point average. He has served two years on the Wayne High School student council, and has twice been elected a Future Farmers of America officer. He has received the Star Green Hand award and the Masonic Student of Today award.

Louden is well respected among his peers and community and is a respected role model for many. He volunteers at the elementary school and serves as a tutor.

Louden is carrying on the Chickasaw tradition of excellence.

He is the son of Frank Johnson Jr., of Sulphur, Okla., and

Josie Spencer, of Wayne.

He is the grandson of Frank Johnson, Sr., and wife Vicki, the late Beverly Johnson and the nephew of Oklahoma Rep-

resentative and former Chickasaw legislator Lisa Johnson-Billy.

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Apply for your college scholarship today! Application deadline June 15

The Chickasaw Nation Higher Education summer scholarship and grant application deadline is June 15. Completed applications are due to the Higher Education office by that day.

The Higher Education Department offers scholarships and grants for full-time and part-time undergraduate, graduate and doctoral Chickasaw students. Scholarships and grants assist students pursuing degrees from accredited colleges and universities.

Summer semester application deadline is June 15; fall semester deadline is September 1; and spring semester deadline is February 1. Students must submit completed applications by deadline indicated each semester to be considered.

Students can apply online at <https://services.chickasaw.net/>

[ChickasawServices.WebClient/Forms/Application.aspx](https://services.chickasaw.net/Forms/Application.aspx). The Higher Education Department cannot accept faxes. Applications and any related documents can be mailed to: Chickasaw Nation Higher Education Department, 300 Rosedale Road, Ada, OK 74820.

Scholarships and grants are available to all Chickasaw students regardless of where they live. Students must be Chickasaw and possess a Chickasaw citizenship card. Eligibility requirements vary depending on the type of scholarship or grant.

For more information and to obtain required scholarship and grant applications, contact the Higher Education Department at (580) 421-7711, Chris.Kates@chickasaw.net or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

Health care, education funding top programs and services list

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens

sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending April 30, 2012

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$10.2 million for the month and \$90.3 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$7.1 million for the month and \$58.8 year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through April totaled \$643.9 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$176.8 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was \$91.3 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At April 30, 2012, the tribal government funds had \$173.1 million in cash and investments. Of this amount,

\$19.6 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$187.1 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and busi-

ness operations.

As of April 30, 2012, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$1.398 billion compared to \$1.332 billion at January 31, 2012 or an increase of \$66 million.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Seven Months Ended April 30, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues			
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	4,719,640	643,931,273	648,650,914
Total funds available	85,536,267	(85,536,267)	-
	90,255,907	558,395,007	648,650,914
Expenditures			
General government	6,741,591		6,741,591
Legislature	1,382,623		1,382,623
Judiciary	546,024		546,024
Education	11,379,514		11,379,514
Heritage Preservation	7,984,399		7,984,399
Health	12,384,745		12,384,745
Youth and Family Services	5,188,035		5,188,035
Nutrition Programs	3,208,581		3,208,581
Regulatory	4,609,599		4,609,599
Assistance Programs	5,387,924		5,387,924
Gaming expense		343,956,171	343,956,171
Other businesses' expense		123,115,634	123,115,634
Total expenditures	58,813,035	467,071,805	525,884,839
Increase in net assets	31,442,872	91,323,202	122,766,074
Beginning net assets	595,060,266	680,428,193	1,275,488,459
Ending net assets	626,503,138	771,751,395	1,398,254,533

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
April 30, 2012

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	173,084,013	187,081,078	360,165,091
Receivables	36,588,011	69,422,137	106,010,148
Inventory	173,052	6,884,391	7,057,443
Prepaid expenses		16,704,301	16,704,301
Other Assets		2,481,684	2,481,684
Fixed assets	418,253,960	622,697,625	1,040,951,585
Less payables	(1,595,898)	(133,519,821)	(135,115,719)
Net Assets	626,503,138	771,751,395	1,398,254,533

BIRTHS



Garrett Cole Jackson

Capt. Kyle and Lena Jackson are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Garrett Cole Jackson**. He was born at 8:53 p.m., December 30, 2011 at Mercy Hospital, Oklahoma City.

Garrett weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz., and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Angie and Steve Rubin, of Joseph, Ore.

He is the great-great-nephew of George and Rachel Thomas and the great-nephew of Judy and Gus Butterfield.

He is the great-grandson of Yvonne Butterfield and the late Phyllis Thomas Chapman and the great-great-grandson of Mary Seilfried Thomas, an original enrollee.

BIRTHDAY



Azrael Shain Howland

Carla and Greg Chamberlayne proudly announce the second birthday of their first grandson, Azrael Shain Howland, May 31.

Proud parents are Adam and Susan Howland. Proud uncle is Aaron Howland.

Garrett is the great-grandson of Clifford and Marcell Hogue.

Happy second birthday Little Man!



Dylan Joseph Taylor

Happy second birthday to Dylan Joseph Taylor. You have grown into a very handsome little boy. You may get into everything in sight but we are proud to have you as our son, brother, nephew and grandson. We cherish every moment we spend with you!

Dylan's will celebrate his 'Sponge Bob' theme birthday party with friends and family June 4.

Dylan is the son of Kyla Lyda and James Taylor.

With lots of love,
Mama, Daddy, JJ (Rudy), Uncle Bubba, Aunt B, Shasha, Papi and Gammy

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Jaye Odom

Jaye Odom named to Dean's List at UK

Chickasaw student Jaye Odom has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Kentucky. Miss Odom completed her freshman year with a 4.0 average. She is majoring in Psychology and Spanish.

Miss Odom received scholarships from the Chickasaw Foundation and the Chickasaw Nation. She expressed her thanks to the Chickasaw Nation for the support she has been provided.

She is the daughter of Chloe Shi Moore Odom and Dennis Odom, of Albuquerque, and the granddaughter of Drusilla Cash Moore and CE Moore, of Ada, Okla.



Katelynn Humphries

Katelynn Humphries named Homecoming Queen

Katelynn Humphries, a Chickasaw senior at Durant (OK) High School, was crowned 2011-2012 DHS Homecoming Queen during the school's homecoming football game.

Miss Humphries is graduating with honors from DHS.

She was nominated for Homecoming Queen by her HOSA class. Each organization in the school nominated one girl, and a total of 25 girls were nominated. The entire student body cast its ballots for homecoming queen.

Miss Humphries and her family are very proud of their Chickasaw heritage.

She is the daughter of Christopher and Stacie Avants, of Durant, and Kevin and Michelle Humphries, of Stafford, Virginia. She is the granddaughter of Sid and Lynda (Miller) Tolber, of Durant. She is the great-granddaughter of full-blood original enrollee Josepy Sim and Florence Miller, of Kingston, Okla.

NEWS FROM CHICKASAW PRINCESS

Nacobi Walker
Miss Chickasaw

in the Grand Entry an attended the Miss Indian World pageant. It was so cool to see all girls perform as well as meeting a lot of other princesses.

We attended the Elders Conference at Winstar Casino. We performed for the seniors and received a bracelet from Doris Davis at the Connerville Senior Site. I greatly appreciate it!

Also within this month we were asked to perform at the Head Start graduations at Sulphur, Ada, Tishomingo and Ardmore. It was so fun to watch all the little kids perform the different things they've learned.

I want to thank you all for giving the princesses the opportunity to represent our great Nation as well as learning more about our culture, tribe and people. I will continue to learn more and teach other people about the Chickasaw Nation.

Chokma'shki!

Chokma! Saholhchifoat Nacobi Walker. Hello! My name is Nacobi Walker. I'm am the 2011-2012 Chickasaw Princess.

This year has been so much fun! We recently traveled to Albuquerque, New Mexico for Gathering of the Nations (GON). At GON we participated

Four generations of Chickasaws



Four generations of Chickasaws: Gemma Kay Renfro, born Jan. 30, 2012, is held by her great-grandmother Lorene Renfro, of Wynnewood, Okla. They are joined by Gemma's father Aaron Renfro, of Burleson, Texas, and Gemma's grandfather Gary Renfro, of Wilson, Okla.

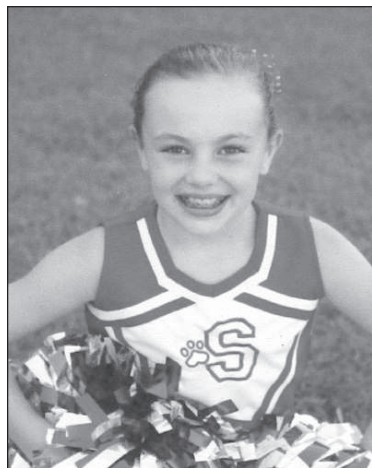
Emerson Family Reunion June 10

The Emerson Family Reunion is scheduled for Sunday, June 10 at the Mill Creek (OK) School Cafeteria.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite covered dish.

For more information contact Teresa Bolin at (580) 504-6844.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Jordan Goodman

Chickasaw student is 'student of excellence'

Chickasaw student Jordan Goodman has recently been named a student of excellence by the U.S. Achievement Academy. Jordan was selected because of her inclusion on the Sulphur (OK) Intermediate School honor roll.

Jordan was nominated for the honor by school councilor Kena Holder.

The U.S. Achievement Academy recognizes students on the recommendations of teachers, counselors, coaches and other qualified sponsors.

Jordan is the daughter of Roger and Sheila Goodman, of Sulphur. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Mary Hilliard, of Sulphur, and Buck and Ontea Goodman, of Ada, Okla.



Chelsea Egge

Chelsea Egge honored at Carl Albert prom

Chelsea Egge, a resident of Bethany Children's Hospital, was a featured guest at the senior class prom at Carl Albert High School in Midwest City,

Okla.

The Carl Albert seniors purchased Miss Egge's prom dress, corsage and tiara. The outreach was part of the seniors' efforts to assist a special needs child who would have been a senior.

The late Carl Albert was a former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and an advocate for Oklahomans. Miss Egge's great-great-grandfather Walter Jack, an original enrollee, was a lifelong friend of Speaker Albert's.

Miss Egge is the daughter of Walter and Sheila Egge, of Wewoka, Okla.; the granddaughter of Walter and Val (Jack) Egge, of Hurley, N.M.; and the sister of Jerris Egge, of Ada, Okla.



Emily Burris

Emily Burris named Eufaula drum major

Emily Burris, a Chickasaw student at Eufaula (OK) High School, has been selected drum major of the EHS Marching Band.

The Eufaula Band has a history of top performance in the state. The band has won the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Athletic Association Sweepstakes Award for the past six consecutive years. The Sweepstakes is the top state award and recognizes marching excellence and outstanding musicianship.

Emily is the daughter of Randy and Robyn Burris, of Eufaula. She is the granddaughter of Claud and Naomi Burris, of Wilson, Okla., and Bob and Twila King, of Eufaula.



Kathryn Mariah Smith

Chickasaw elected sophomore president

Kathryn Mariah Smith will enter her sophomore year at Norman (OK) High School this fall.

Mariah served as freshman class treasurer and maintained a 4.0 grade point average while participating in debate, softball and soccer. She has become an accomplished debater and placed first in the Harrah (OK) High School tournament.

She has been elected president of her sophomore class and has been on the Governor's Honor Roll as well as the Norman High Principal's Honor Roll.

She wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education for its support of her academic success.

Mariah is the daughter of Michael Colbert and Kathryn R. Smith. She is the granddaughter of the late Colbert C. Smith and Marjorie A. Smith, and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Mabel Smith.

She is the niece of Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith and is a descendant of Winchester Colbert.



Matthew Winchester Smith

Smith entering senior year at Fort Lewis

Matthew Winchester Smith will be a senior this fall at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo.

Mr. Smith is a writer and this past year took second place in a school-wide writing contest. He also took second in the young adult division of the tribe's Anoli Creative Writing Contest in 2011. His paper was "The Chickasaw I Admire Most," a story about his beloved grandfather Colbert Smith.

Mr. Smith has received two scholarships at Fort Lewis for the upcoming school year. He will also continue to serve as a freshman orientation leader.

Mr. Smith wishes to thank the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education for its assistance and continued support.

He is the son of Michael Colbert and Kathryn R. Smith; grandson of the late Colbert C. Smith and Marjorie A. Smith; and the great-grandson of original enrollee Mabel Smith. He is the nephew of Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith and is a descendant of Winchester Colbert.

Chickasaw family earns restoration certifications

A Chickasaw mother and son have recently attained restoration certifications.

Jeanne Caudle-Bowles and David Caudle, of Ada, Okla., earned designations as Certified Carpet Cleaning Technicians. The certifications were granted by the Institute of In-

spection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification.

Mrs. Caudle-Bowles and Mr. Caudle operate Total Kleen Restoration Specialists, of Ada.

In their training, the two successfully completed course work and testing to achieve the certifications.



Melinda Capes

Capes earns doctorate from UM-Baltimore

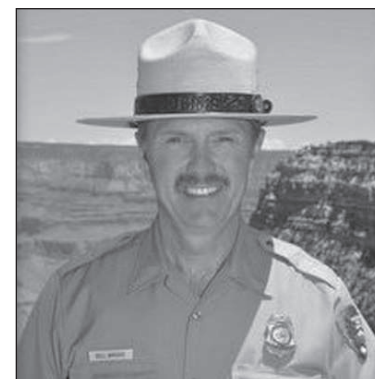
A Chickasaw student and teacher earlier this year received her doctoral degree in biochemistry.

Melinda Dyanne Capes earned her Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Maryland-Baltimore County in January. Following her graduation, Dr. Capes accepted a teaching position at Dine College, Shiprock, N.M.

Dr. Capes was born in Amarillo, Texas, graduated from high school in Oceanside, Calif., and attended Mira Costa Community College in Oceanside. She received her bachelor's degree from California State University-San Marcos.

Dr. Capes has a big "cheering section" who are proud of her accomplishments including, her best friend and spouse Angie Estoque; her parents Synthia Newland and Martin Valdez, of California; her brother Troy Capes, of Alabama; her sister, Cristina Valdez, of California; her grandmother Sylvia Newland, of California; and many other family members and friends.

Chickasaw ranger at Big Bend Park in Texas



Grand Canyon National Park Chief Ranger Bill Wright is a Chickasaw. Mr. Wright will serve as acting superintendent at Big Bend National Park in Texas during the search for a permanent officer. Chief Wright has been with the National Park Service for over 27 years.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Chickasaw middle distance runner earns medals competing as freshman in varsity meets



Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne with his grandmother and Chickasaw elder Willie Juanita Wynne at the Pauls Valley 2012 spring track meet.

Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne is a freshman middle-distance runner for Bridge Creek (OK) High School. Jimmy competed in nine meets with the Bridge Creek varsity this season, and earned medals in six.

Jimmy also plays football, basketball and golf at Bridge Creek High.

He is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Club, the Principal's Honor Roll and the Bridge

Creek High robotics team.

He is the son of Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, of Bridge Creek. He has two sisters, Vivien and Karissa Wynne, and two nieces, Natalie and Mackenzie Wynne.

His proud grandparents are Jimmy and Willie Juanita Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jesse and Olivia Cancino, of Fort Worth, Texas.



Karissa Wynne with Mrs. Cindy Trent

Chickasaw student named 'Student of the Month'

Chickasaw student Karissa Wynne was selected April "Student of the Month" by her fifth-grade class at Bridge Creek (OK) Elementary School.

Karissa's teacher, Mrs. Trent, said Karissa displayed good judgment in school.

Karissa is a Chickasaw Honor Roll student and a member of the Principal's Honor Roll. She is active in basketball and enjoys art and singing.

Karissa lives in Bridge Creek

with her parents Jimmy and Jennifer Wynne, and her siblings Vivien and Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne. She has two nieces, Natalie and Mackenzie Wynne.

Her proud grandparents are Jimmy and Willie Juanita Wynne, of Stratford, Okla., and Jesse and Olivia Cancino of Fort Worth, Texas.

We are very proud of Karissa's accomplishment as Student of the Month!

Harlan Webb honored for service to mine safety and rescue

A Chickasaw man who has achieved national recognition as an expert in mine safety and rescue has recently retired.

Harlan "Buddy" Webb, of Hobbs, N.M., retired earlier this year from WIPP. He had led and trained WIPP's mine rescue teams for more than 20 years. During that time, he built the company's mine safety program and trained most of its mine safety officials.

In 1965, Mr. Webb took a job with Kerr-McGee Potash Corp. as a junior engineer. At the time, mine safety was not a top priority in the country. But state and federal laws were enacted that mandated tough mine safety policies.

Mr. Webb became involved in mine safety training in 1978, and joined Kerr-McGee's mine engineering and mine rescue team in 1985.

Mr. Webb has been inducted into the Mine Safety Health Administration Mine Safety Hall of Fame.

Mr. Webb was born in Ada, Okla., and moved to Hobbs as a young boy when his father took a job in the oilfield.

CNI leaders at DOE conference



Chickasaw leaders represented Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc., at the U.S. Department of Energy's recent Information Management Conference in Dallas. From left, Mike Mitchell, CNI Deputy COO; Carly Hill, Market Analyst; Marvin Mitchell, Member of Board of Directors; and Erica Hightower Lewis, Director of Strategic Relationships.

Chickasaw sisters compete in USA Girls' National Volleyball Championships



Catherine and Elizabeth Isaly.

country, and Hawaii and Puerto Rico, compete in qualifying tournaments throughout the club season. Only 35-40 teams receive bids to compete in Nationals.

Elizabeth and Catherine play for the Texas Tornados Volleyball Club in Houston.

Elizabeth's team, 15 Mizuno, will compete in the American Division. Catherine's team, 12 Mizuno, will play in the National Division.

Elizabeth is a freshman at Cy-Fair High School where she played for the varsity volleyball team. Catherine is a sixth-grader at Hamilton Middle School.

The girls are the daughters of Matt and Kim (Imotichey) Isaly, of Cypress, Texas. They are the granddaughters of Bob and Johnie Imotichey, of Fillmore, Okla.

Two Chickasaw girls will be competing in the USA Volleyball Girls' National Championships later this month.

Elizabeth and Catherine Isaly, of Houston, will be competing in Columbus, Ohio June 28 - July 7. Teams from across the



Ellen Brooker

Chickasaw teacher to Library of Congress

A Chickasaw high school instructor has been selected to participate in a unique primary sources workshop sponsored by the Library of Congress.

Ellen Brooker is a social studies teacher at Southwest (TX) High School in San Antonio. She was selected from among a pool of more than 300 applicants to participate in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute. The seminar was conducted in Washington, D.C., in May.

During the five-day program, Mrs. Brooker and her fellow teachers worked with Library education specialists and subject-matter experts to learn practices for using primary sources in the classroom. The thrust of the program is to develop primary-source techniques that lead to engaged students and critical thinking skills.

The Library of Congress conducts seven unique teacher institutes each summer.

Additionally, Mrs. Brooker has been selected to participate in a Landmarks of American History and Culture workshop at Columbia University in June. She will also participate in "The Early Republic and Indian Country 1812-1833" in July at the McNickle Center for American Indian and Indigenous Studies with the Newberry Library in Chicago.

Mrs. Brooker earned her bachelor's degree in history and government from the University of Texas-San Antonio and her master's degree in curriculum and instructional technology from Houston Baptist University.

She has taught in the Southwest Independent School Dis-

trict community for 25 years. She has been particularly engaged with predominantly minority, low socio-economic and limited English proficiency students.

She was selected Southwest High School "Teacher of the Year" in 2011.



Jason Teel

Chickasaw officer to seek sheriff's post

A Chickasaw citizen has declared his candidacy for Pontotoc County (OK) Sheriff.

Jason Teel is currently the police chief in Stonewall, Okla., and has served in that job for six years. During his time in Stonewall, Mr. Teel has gathered grants totaling over \$100,000 to upgrade police vehicles and equipment.

Mr. Teel has been a peace officer for 12 years. The essence of the Stonewall Department, Mr. Teel says, is treating citizens with respect.

His vision for the Pontotoc County Sheriff's Office, he says, is to offer a well-trained and highly motivated force.

Mr. Teel and his wife, Jennifer, has a two-year-old son Tegan.

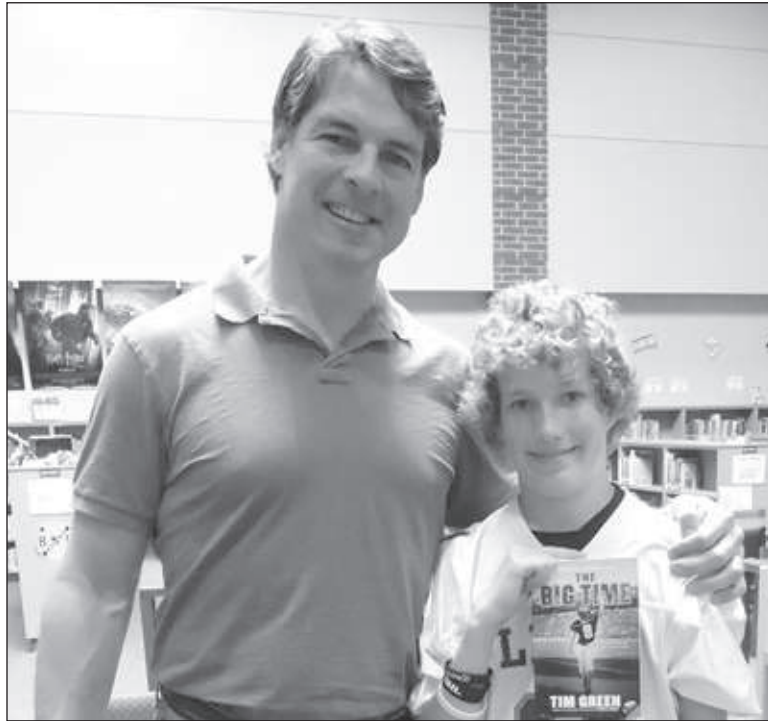
Indian academic team does well in challenge

A high school academic team sponsored by a Chickasaw educator has competed well in an Indian academic bowl.

The Shawnee (OK) High School team competed recently in the annual American Indian Challenge Bowl in Shawnee. Indian high school and middle school students from across Oklahoma participated.

The "Grey Wolf" team from SHS placed third in the event. The team sponsor is Tewanna Anderson-Edwards, a Chickasaw.

The Challenge Bowl features questions on Oklahoma and Indian history, tribal culture, language, tribal people and leaders, and more.



Blake Havern, r, with Tim Green.

Chickasaw student introduces sports author, former NFL linebacker Tim Green

Chickasaw Blake Havern, a sixth-grader at Mitchell Intermediate School, The Woodlands, Texas, recently got to introduce one of his favorite authors at a school event.

Blake introduced former National Football League linebacker and New York Times Bestselling author Tim Green at his school. Mr. Green played both linebacker and defensive end for the Atlanta Falcons prior to his retirement.

Mr. Green is one of Blake's fa-

vorite authors. He has authored several books including "The Big Time," "Football Genius," "Best of the Best," and "Pinch Hit." Blake received an autographed copy of "Pinch Hit."

Blake is the son of Chris and Amy Havern.

Blake's great-grandmother is Charline Penner Von Tungeln, born in Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914. Blake is also the great-great-great-great-grandson of Chickasaw Nation Gov. Cyrus Harris

Artist Brent Greenwood to be featured at Wichita Indian Festival July 13

WICHITA, Kan. - The Fine Art Market at the second annual American Indian Festival in Wichita will include exquisite art by Indians from around the country. Chickasaw artist Brent Greenwood will be the guest of honor at the festival's Preview Party on July 13.

Brent Greenwood was born Nov. 27, 1971 in Midwest City, Okla. An enrolled member of the Ponca Nations of Oklahoma, Brent is also Chickasaw by blood.

In 1994, he graduated with an Associates in Fine Arts in 2-D work from the Institute of American Indian Arts. Three years later, he completed his Bachelor's in Fine Arts from the Oklahoma City University.

The American Indian Festival is a signature event for the Indian Center that honors and celebrates the song, dance, history and culture of the very people for which the City of Wichita and the State of Kansas are named.

This community-changing event includes a Contest Powwow, Indian Fine Art Market, Youth Art Show, Health & Wellness Fair, Live Animal Demonstrations, Children's Interactive Activities, Nonprofit/Retail Vendor Booths and Food Court with Indian Tacos.



Brent Greenwood

'Take A Kid Fishing Day' set for June 2 in Ada



the opportunity to fish legally without a license for this one day.

Pre-registration is required by filling out a form available on KYKC's web site at www.kykc.net, or by picking up a form at the radio station's studios at 1019 North Broadway, Ada, and other participating sponsors.

Pre-registration begins at 8 a.m. Fishing is from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m., then free lunch is provided to all participants.

There are also chances to win cash prizes for biggest fish, smallest fish, etc. KYKC also provides many other auxiliary prizes such as White Water tickets, Lazer Zone passes, and more.

For more information on Take A Kid Fishing, people can call the radio station at (580) 332-1212.

Lake.

The Chickasaw Nation has been a partner in this event since its inception 21 years ago. This family event gives kids

KYKC's 21st annual "Take A Kid Fishing" event will be Saturday, June 2 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Ada Elks Lodge



Ewe takes Reserve Grand Champion

Levi Ellis and his Ewe (Lucy Lou) won Reserve Grand Champion Breeding Ewe Division at the 2012 Pontotoc County (OK) Jr. Livestock Show in March. Levi is 10 years old, a student and 4H member at Vanoss School. He is the son of Bo and Arnie Ellis. He is the grandson of Rita and Doug Loder, and the great-grandson of Estelline Jackson.

Littlefields earn bachelor's degrees



Teeoti and Shannon Littlefield

Teeoti Nicole Littlefield earned a bachelor of arts degree in liberal studies from the University of Oklahoma, December 16, 2011. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Pat Greenwood Cox and Darrel and Elizabeth Buckner. She is the granddaughter of the late Virgil and Geraldine Greenwood. Shannon Virgil Littlefield graduated May 12, 2012 from East Central University, Ada, Okla., earning a bachelor of science degree.

Mrs. Littlefield is married to Steve Littlefield. They are the

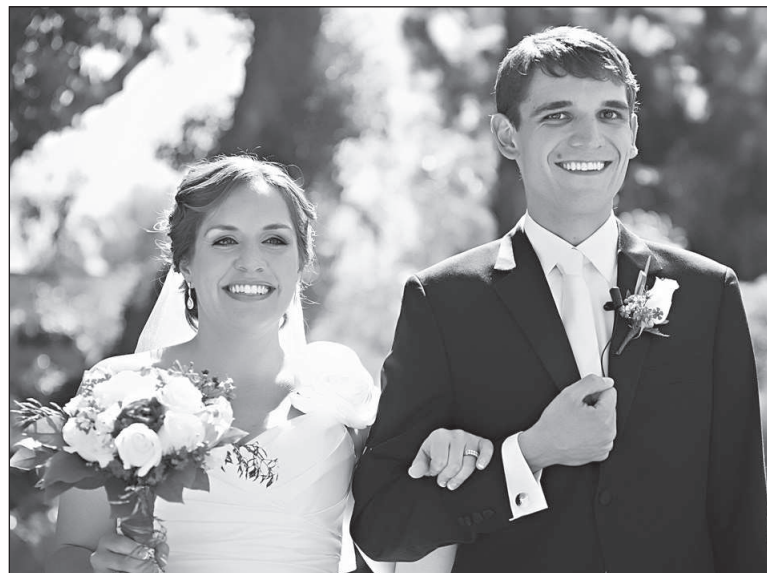
parents of Shannon Littlefield, Laurice Littlefield, U.S. Air Force, Aurora, Colo., and Madelyn Grace Littlefield, Ada.

Shannon is the father of little Mara Jade Littlefield, Ada. He is the grandson of Jimmy and Pat Greenwood Cox and Darrel and Elizabeth Buckner and the great-grandson of the late Virgil and Geraldine Greenwood.

We are so proud of the achievement Teeoti and Shannon have made in education, both had families to care for but succeeded.

Chi Hollo Li.

Lewis, Chew marry in Santa Ana



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Silvio Schuyler Chew.

Kari Ann Lewis and Edward Silvio Schuyler Chew were united in marriage during a April 7 ceremony at Santa Ana, Calif.

Officiating was Paul Dorthalina.

The bride is the daughter of Susan Louise Lewis, of New-

bury Park, Calif., and Gerald Kenneth Lewis, of Agua Dulce, Calif. She is the granddaughter of the late Derl Wayne Burris and Margaret Sullivan Burris, who were married April 7, 1951 at Biloxi, Miss.

The groom is the son of Susan Lynn Capton and Edward Graham Chew, both of the Tuscarora Nation. He is a member of the Cayuga wolf clan.

The couple honeymooned in Europe and celebrated their union with East Coast friends and family April 28 at the Tuscarora Nation.

The couple will make their home in Tucson, while the bride studies at the University of Arizona and the groom pursues work in environmental engineering.

Prescription services now open to non-Native spouses

ADA, Okla. - Sovereign Medical Solutions, a tribal health provider of the Chickasaw Nation, is extending its mail order prescription program to include non-Native spouses of Chickasaws.

"Offering quality health care services is a high priority within the Chickasaw Nation," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "We believe extending this service to spouses will be a significant benefit to Chickasaw families. It's a new venture and we are excited to be able to offer this additional service."

Currently, prescriptions are provided at no charge to Chick-

asaws. The program expansion will include non-Native spouses.

family members to use at their convenience.

To utilize the mail order prescription service, non-Native spouses must provide a copy of their Chickasaw spouse's CDIB card, copy of marriage license and insurance card.

Chickasaws will soon be receiving a letter about the new service and an application in the mail.

Sovereign Medical Solutions is located at 1007 N. County Club in Ada.

For more information, call Sovereign Medical Solutions at (580) 421-8700, or toll-free at (855) 478-8725.



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MEDICAL SOLUTIONS

es, with proof of insurance coverage. The tribe has various prescription services for Chickasaws living both within and outside Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

This new service will not replace current prescription programs but will work as another outlet for Chickasaws and their

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30 campers per day. For an application and more information, contact Rachel Wedlow, Language Outreach Coordinator, at (580) 272-5540 or visit www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps.

Application Information

All applicants must include a copy of the camper's Chickasaw citizenship card. Submitting the application does not guarantee selection to the camp.

For more information

or obtain an application, contact the department of youth services at 580-310-6620. Return application to Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Road, Ada, OK 74820; or fax (580) 310-6626. Additional information is available online at www.chickasaw.net/youthcamps. Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or online.

Robotics Banquet wraps up year for tribal robotics teams



Gov. Bill Anoatubby with Malachi Brown, of Byng, and Emily Crook, of Ada, during the robotics banquet May 15. Malachi holds artwork created by Emily. The art was presented to Malachi as a graduation senior. He was also awarded a robotics scholarship.

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math Department hosted a "Robotics Banquet" May 15 to recognize students of all ages who participated in tribal robotics programs throughout the year.

Many students, parents and guests were in attendance to celebrate a successful robotics season. Several awards were presented to robotics teams for demonstrating excellence throughout the year.

Science, Technology and Math program manager Oscar Gore spoke about the robotics season and the many student accomplishments.

"We had a great year as a whole," Mr. Gore said. "This year we made new strides and we can look forward to new challenges next season."

The Chickasaw Nation robotics program sponsors eight robotics teams through the national organization For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST).

The Junior FIRST LEGO League consists of three teams of six- to eight-year-olds. The FIRST LEGO League consists of three teams of nine- to 14-year-olds; FIRST Tech Challenge consists of one team of high school freshmen and sophomores; and FIRST Robotics Competition consists of one team of high school students.

The mission of FIRST is to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs. Through the Chickasaw Nation robotics program and FIRST, students gain engineering and technology skills, inspire in-

novation and develop self-confidence, communication and leadership skills.

For more information about the robotics program, contact the science, technology and math program manager Oscar Gore at (580) 421-7711.

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'Living Our Story' theme of Dynamic Women



Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum featured The Next Generation "Life on Our Terms," a session presented by, from left, Amber McClendon, Katie Barrick and Ashton Glover.

ADA, Okla. - "Living Our Story" defined the 2012 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. The conference and forum were April 26 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

The conference presented four powerful sessions. The keynote speaker was 2011 Dynamic Woman of the Year Stefani Cochran. Cochran serves as vice chairperson of the National Indian Gaming Commission in Washington, D.C. She was nominated by U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and appointed to the commission by President Barack Obama.

For Stefani Cochran, becoming a dynamic woman of the Chickasaw Nation took much transformation, years of polishing - and new footwear. She had, she said, gone "from moccasins to stilettos" during her journey.

"Make your story part of your dialogue and make things happen," Cochran said.

New to the Conference was "The Next Generation - Life on Our Own Terms," featuring young Chickasaw women Katie Barrick, Ashton Glover and Amber McClendon. Each speak-

er related experiences growing up, entering college and pursuing dreams.

Session speakers included Chickasaw Nation Division of Health Administrator Dr. Judy Parker, Chickasaw author Dr. Phillip Morgan, and Chickasaw artist and humanitarian Brenda Kingery.

The afternoon session featured a creative view roundtable discussion with Jeannie Barbour, Robyn Perry Coe and Shondra McCage. Division of Communications, Media and Community Development administrator Robyn Elliot moderated the discussion.

The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation forum, hosted by the Division of Arts and Humanities and East Central University Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies Course, followed the conference. The 2012 panelists included Chickasaw Supreme Court Justice Barbara Anne Smith; Division of Youth and Family Services family preservation employee Theea Swinford; Chickasaw professional artist Nancy McDoniel; and former tribal legislator Dawatha Easterling.

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Annual Pike Coyle Cemetery working and reunion set for June 24

The Annual Pike Coyle Cemetery working and reunion will be June 24 at the Pike Coyle Cemetery, 12 miles west and four miles north on Pike Road from Marietta, Okla.

A potluck lunch will be hosted at the Turner School Cafete-

ria beginning at noon.

Albert Pike Coyle and Clarissa Jane (McMaHan) Coyle were the parents of eight children, James Thomas, Bud, Ben, Earl, Violet, Audry, Mary Ella and Pearl. After Mr. Coyle's death, Clarissa Jane remarried Jim

Williams and had a daughter, Jewell.

Each year there are more in attendance and this year we expect family from Florida. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Hallum, (580) 276-5230.

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Native Explorers at Chickasaw Ranch for study



Sierra Lowe, of Ardmore, helps younger students as she removes one of the many fish caught at the Chickasaw Ranch.



Madison Shulanberger, of Ada, participates in archery lessons with the Native Explorers.

DAVIS, Okla. - Waking at 6 a.m. for an hour long-road trip is not something most students would willingly do on a Saturday morning. But Native Explorers are up and ready to go for their third quarterly meeting.

A total of 32 Chickasaw students, ages six through 18, from the Ada and Ardmore areas, traveled to Chickasaw Farms and Chickasaw Ranch to learn about Earth and natural sciences.

At the day-long camp, students used science to explore the natural world. The day began at Chickasaw Farms, located in Davis where students learned the importance of plants and their role in the

world.

Tammy Woods, Chickasaw Nation greenhouse manager, led students on a tour of the heavy equipment, sod fields and greenhouses on the farms. Students got their hands dirty as they took clippings from live plants to grow new ones.

On location to mentor students was botanist Patty Smith, associate professor of biology at Tulsa Community College.

"In my field of conservation biology, we know past Native Americans were excellent stewards of native landscapes and had a good understanding of preserving these landscapes for future generations," Ms. Smith said.

When activities at this location were finished, the group continued to the Chickasaw Ranch where they participated in a wilderness survival class, archery lessons and fished in one of the many ponds located on the property.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation's Native Explorer program, visit www.nativeexplorers.org or contact Lisa Daniels at (580) 421-7711.

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Native Explorer Eddie Dill, of Ardmore, gets his hands dirty as he learns about plants.

Native Explorers program offers experiences in Earth science; open to Indian students ages six to 18

Education has always been important to the Chickasaw people. From their early days in Indian Territory, the Chickasaw Nation has a tradition of excellent schools and curriculum.

The Chickasaw Nation's Science, Technology and Math Academy has experienced tremendous success. For the past five years, numerous academy students have gone on to further their educations in college engineering and aeronautics courses.

From this success sprang the idea for a new tribal program that would focus on the natural sciences and medical field.

The Chickasaw Nation's Na-

tive Explorers program will recruit, train and educate Indian students in the Earth, natural and biomedical sciences. The tribe has partnered with the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and USDA Forest Service to develop meaningful curriculum that will inspire students.

"Nationally, less than one-quarter of one percent of Native Americans pursue a degree in the science, technology, engineering or mathematics," Dr. Kent Smith of the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences said. "I believe

using hands-on activities that weave culture with science is an effective method of learning for youth of any ethnicity and increases their interest in both culture and the natural world."

Open to Native American students ages six to 18, Native Explorers are instructed by professional mentors. Explorers is modeled after the tribe's successful Robotics and LEGO programs.

Native Explorers meet quarterly throughout the year. Chickasaw students participate in hands-on activities that create excitement. Traditional classrooms and books are traded for museums and outdoor lectures.

The Native Explorers program continues into a student's college years. College-aged Indian students are invited to participate in a camp where college hours may be earned. These camps demonstrate how different fields of sciences interact with one another.

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Oklahoma Green Expo showcases environmental programs



Winners of the recycled art contest were Raven Ott, Caleb Csaki and Sabra Hedgecock.

Being "green" is more than a trend. It is now an integral part of many businesses.

The second annual Oklahoma Green Expo was April 20-21 at the Pontotoc Agri-plex in Ada. More than 20 organizations attended to showcase and explain efforts taken to keep our environment clean and pure.

The Chickasaw Nation was this year's Green Expo title sponsor. The Expo is celebrated annually in conjunction with Earth Day, is presented by the Ada Area Chamber of Commerce. This year's event featured businesses and organizations whose products and services promote a healthier, sustainable environment. The

tribal Department of Environmental Services was a key contributor.

"Having a booth at the Oklahoma Green Expo allows Environmental Services to explain our programs," said Dana Nickell, environmental specialist with the Chickasaw Nation. "With this type of community outreach, we are able to educate people on different issues concerning Oklahoma."

To support attendance at the Green Expo, a keynote speaking address, bicycle rally, student art exhibit and fashion show coincided with the event.

Keynote addresses were presented at the tribe's historic McSwain Theatre in Ada. Speakers included Leilani



Representatives of the Chickasaw Nation's Department of Environmental Services with Oklahoma Green Expo keynote speakers. From left, Linda Robins, Leilani Münter, Dana Nickell, Ambrie Johnson and Vonda Lockwood.

Münter, professional race car driver and environmental activist; Vonda Lockwood, senior director of store operations at Walmart; and Linda Robins, the Chickasaw Nation's director of Environmental Services.

The Tour De Green bicycle rally attracted more than 70 riders from across the state.

On hand to provide logistics and entertainment was KCNP, the Chickasaw Nation's public radio station.

"KCNP strives to be the community radio station, not only for the Chickasaw Nation, but for the entire area," KCNP program director Mike Manos said. "With that in mind and with Tour De Green being a public event focused on Earth

Day, the Oklahoma Green Expo and promoting environmental consciousness, it was an easy decision for KCNP to be involved."



More than 70 bicyclists prepare to start the Tour De Green in support of 2012 Oklahoma Green Expo.

The art and fashion show's theme this year involved "green" materials. Entries included items that were recycled or reused.

"Earth Day is all about saving the environment to take care of the things we have so we won't run out of resources," Abigayle Melson, a junior in family and consumer sciences at East Central University, said. "It was a lot of fun to take something old and make something new. Taking a piece of clothing and recycling it allowed me to be creative and make my own product."

To learn more about recycling, sustainable living or the Chickasaw Nation's efforts to maintain a clean environment, contact Cindy Gammons at (580) 272-5456.

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Letter to Editor

Chickasaw student appreciative for help from Lord, tribe, family



Verona Pray

Hello to All Chickasaw Citizens,

My name is Verona Pray. I want to take this time to thank

Jesus Christ for the wonderful accomplishment of graduating from Murray State University on May 12, 2012 with a Master of Science in the field of Human Development and Leadership, and with a concentration in the Non-Profit sector.

I also would like to thank The Chickasaw Nation, which has been very instrumental in my educational endeavors. I appreciate the fact that I am interconnected with such a rich cultural, committee and people.

My family has been so encouraging to me even when things seemed disheartening. I did not give up, instead I gave

into the desire to excel and achieve my goal of earning my degree.

I want to encourage others through my story of success. I am a single parent of three boys (my oldest is now serving his country in the U.S. Navy). I work two jobs, one in the morning, the other at night and I go to school in between while keeping up with my studies.

This road was not a walk in the park, but an obstacle I overcame with a 3.91 GPA. I only received one "B" in my studies.

Overcoming various odds in life, I suddenly lost all of my eyesight in my right eye and

have taken various tests that still cannot tell me or my optometry specialists why I suddenly lost my sight in 2005 while pursuing my undergraduate degree. Yet I am still standing and moving proudly. Now I am equipped to help others through my education and prayerfully through my testament.

I want to personally thank my mother Violet L. Lee who resides in Lawton, Oklahoma who also is a single parent and a survivor of odds. She instilled in me the unyielding spirit of never giving up. To my aunts, uncles and cousins, I appreciate your shoulders to

lean on and ears that were never closed. To the matriarch of the family Mattie Anderson Lee (Granny), she has been gone from us since 1996, but never forgotten. I know she would be proud of her granddaughter.

What I plan to do with this degree is to help create and develop quality programs for citizens who are less fortunate through faith-based organizations or other non-profit organizations. By helping guide those who need assistance and establishing the help needed to move them to an area that will enhance their quality of life.

Respectfully,
Verona Pray

Chickasaw Head Start students celebrate graduations



Ada Head Start Graduates: Front row, from left: Mia Huston, Triston Jones, Caleb Cobb, Shane Fulsom, Sania Richardson, Jared Coody, Caymen Smith, Lilly Harper, Brenlee Underwood, Mathew Sanders, Rike Allison, Jacob Scott, Chase Hardcastle and Toby Imotichey. Second row, from left: Laniah Lyons, Vincent Bunyard, Jason Johnson Jr., Makir Sanusi, Davion Wilson, Kimberlie Mull, Izabella Tiger, Natalie Berryman, Calaeab Hawkins, Jackson Cook, Kail Postoak, Jason James, Kadynce Hamilton, Kenley Rhoten and Skyler Estep. Third row, from left: Carmen West, Treston Brown, Rowdy Parks, Deakon Smith, Jaylyne Huddleston, Stryder Eppler, Lynce Davis, Taylor Ewoldt, Sophie Mater, Jakobi Worcester, Peyton West and Alexis Arles. Chickasaw Nation officials, back row, from left: Governor Bill Anoatubby, education administrator Lisa John, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Head Start director Danny Wells, Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely, Little Miss Chickasaw Princess Keilyn Factor and Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker.



Front row, from left: Tristan Vinson, Codi while, Jaime Lewis, Ayreanna McGee, Autumn Moody, Kaelyn Rice, Brayden Smith, Demontrea Stevenson, Jordyn Todd, James Williams, Brea Mitchell, Scarlet Alanis, BreeAnna Cadwallader, Lance Davis, Jakob Holbrook, Bryden Johnson, Zackery Linderman, Kiarah McGee and Michael Pierce. Second row, from left: Devon Rafdal, Desmond Quiroz, Havyn Nugent, Madison Cheatwood, Austin Dickey, Hayben Farve, Braxton Johns, Travis Jones, Dontivain McGee, Estrella Mendoza, Jeramiah Wilmond, Jacob Royal, Duane Welch, Rayahna White, Destany Williams, Kathleen Abram, Kadynce Coyle, Jaxie Garcia, Michael James, Dakota Knight and Summer Wolfe. Third row, from left: Jymea Turner, Teriana Abram, Daylee Alvarez, Martin Amador, Malaysia Cohee, Ricco De La Rosa, Karlee Dry, Jennica Gillham, Landyn Walker, Abigail Lowe, Yulissa Mariles, Kristin Marshall, Oakley Marlett, Adrian Martinez, Ethan Martinez, Lucas McSwain, Davion Nash, Elijah Ozment and Kayla Robb. Chickasaw Nation officials, back row, from left: Head Start director Danny Wells, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, Chickasaw Princess Nacobi Walker, Chickasaw Junior Princess Raechell Meely and education administrator Lisa John.



Sulphur Head Start Graduates: Front row, from left: Elijah "Drummer" Crittenden, Ava Tomlinson, Elijah Seeley, Landon Jones, Dayton Bouton, Daira Nieves, Jasmine Norman, Jersey Clary, Jasmine Clary and Ava Bolding. Middle row, from left: Camila Ugalde, Abigail Leverett, Taylor Patrick, Julissa Ugalde, Connor Sullivan, Kadence Bittle, Danny Martin III, Dominic Carranza and Levi Woodruff. Chickasaw Nation officials, back row, from left: Head Start director Danny Wells, Governor Bill Anoatubby, Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel and education administrator Lisa John.



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The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program conducted four graduations during the month of May with graduates from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start centers.

The graduates stood proudly as they received their diplomas from Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel.

"Head Start makes a true difference in a child's life," said Gov. Anoatubby. "When these children move into public education, they have a firm educational foundation on which to continue building. We care for our students. This is the first of many graduations. We are proud to see them take this important step."

Graduates from each center celebrated by performing skits and singing songs for family members, friends and guests. Head Start director Danny Wells thanked parents and guardians for coming to the ceremony and stressed the importance of Head Start education.

The Head Start program consists of four centers serving more than 260 children throughout the Chickasaw Nation. More than 150 students graduated from Head Start centers located in Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo.

Head Start is a national program that serves children ages three to four from income-eligible families. The program focuses on the family as the most important influence in a child's life and offers components in education, parent or guardian involvement, health, social services and services for children with disabilities.

Applications for the Head Start program are accepted at the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Centers throughout the service area. Applications may also be mailed or faxed to applicants.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program and to obtain an application, contact the education department at 580-421-7711, an area Head Start center or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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'Little Olympics' brings Head Start kids to Chickasaw Cultural Center



Children from Chickasaw Nation Head Start participate in the snake dance at the closing ceremony of the Head Start Little Olympics, conducted April 27 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



Tishomingo Classroom 1 Head Start students, from left, Zachariah Brown, Kempner Echols, Jacob Ammons and Ivan Torres lead the flag salute to kick off the Head Start Little Olympics. Helping the students are teachers April Updegraff, left, and LaVonne Wyatt.



Ada Head Start student, True Cooper, lobs a perfect throw in the Football Throw at the Chickasaw Nation Little Olympics, conducted at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



Tishomingo Head Start students Sam Walker, Timber Gastineau, Hailey Wheeler, from left, check out "Five Little Pumpkins" - the book Sam chose in the Reading Is Fun (RIF) book distribution. All Chickasaw Nation Head Start students was able to take a book home, thanks to the RIF program.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Head Start students from across the Chickasaw Nation gathered at the Chickasaw Cultural Center April 27 to compete in the annual "Little Olympics." The kids enjoyed the spoon and egg race, bean bag toss, bowling and much more.

Over 250 students competed in stick horse races, bean bag toss, spoon-and-egg race, football, discus and shot put, face painting and bowling.

Ada, Ardmore, Duncan, Madill, Sulphur, and Tishomingo Head Start students made up the Little Olympians.

Tishomingo students led the Head Starters in the Pledge of Allegiance to open the event. A Chickasaw warrior carrying an Olympic "torch" led the group to the plaza area of the Cultural Center, where the games took place.

In between the parents' and teachers' cheers and the students squeals of delight, Head Start student Kayla Karlee, of Ardmore, said her favorite activity was the spoon-and-egg race.

"I also like having my face painted and the stick horse races," she said.

Students also got to select a free book to take home. The books were provided through the Chickasaw Nation's partnership with the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) Program.

The RIF program provides free books to Chickasaw Nation Head Start children and has been offered by the Chickasaw Nation since 2001. The federally-funded program promotes children's literacy and parental involvement.

Employees of several tribal divisions pitched in to make the event a success.

Nutritious snacks were also served.

The Chickasaw Dance Troupe led students in several dances during the event and all students received Olympic "gold" medals to close the event.

Judging from the big smiles, all students enjoyed their day.

The Little Olympics coincides with the Week of the Young Child, observed April 20-24.

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Ada Head Start student Hailey Burnett, Ada, dons her hot pink sunglasses to color a coloring sheet at Little Olympics.

Chickasaw families enjoy nature during Hayaka Unta



Roy Worcester, left, and Jeremiah Daylon Worcester hoist a large fish they caught while attending Hayaka Unta, conducted in April. Marcy Gray

Chickasaw families took part in an "Amazing Race" during Hayaka Unta Spring Camp, April 20-22 at Camp Simpson in Johnston County, Okla.

Hayaka Unta ("To Stay in the Wilderness") is a tribal camp that provides Chickasaw families a tent-camping weekend packed with fun activities and events.

Fourteen Chickasaw families

attended the two-night camp.

"The Amazing Race" was a new activity this year. Campers divided into teams of two and raced from place to place collecting clues.

Along the way, each camper had to complete a task to get the next clue. Tasks included hitting the target in archery, matching Chickasaw names with pictures of animals and

playing stickball.

Although there are plenty of activities at Hayaka Unta, the main attraction for families is the chance to "get away from it all" and focus on each other.

"It gives you one-on-one time with your children, away from everyday life," Regina Lynn said. "You can just relax and have fun."

Campers, including the adults, enjoyed many activities including a ropes course, canoeing, fishing, archery, skeet shooting, stickball and special music guest John Henry.

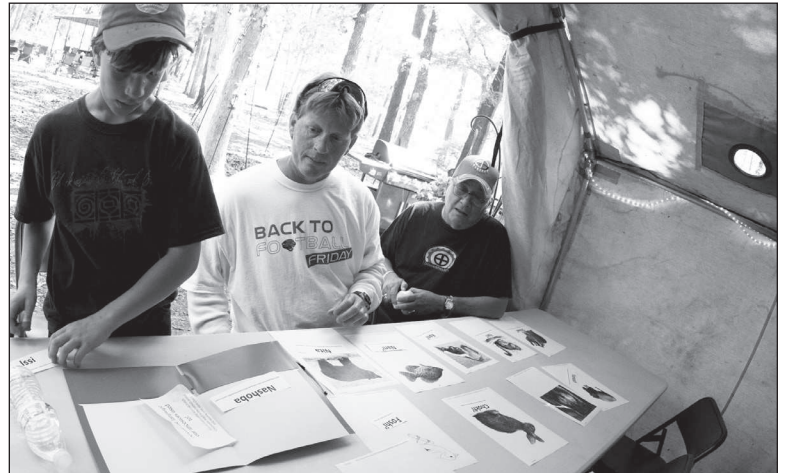
The camp gave 11-year-old Allison Lollis her first tent camping experience. She even caught two fish, her dad Dereck said, who was her camping partner.

Hayaka Unta is offered in the spring and fall at no charge to Chickasaw families. For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Division, Youth Services Department at (580) 310-6620, or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Campers race for the first clue in the "Amazing Race" at Hayaka Unta, conducted last month.



Hayaka Unta campers Park Wallace, Sam Wallace and John Parker, from left, match Chickasaw words with objects in the final leg of the "Amazing Race" game.

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'Walking the Park' event draws attention to sexual assault victims



The Chickasaw Nation Honor Guard leading opening ceremonies at "Stomp Out Sexual Assault" in Ada, Okla.

ADA, Okla. - Approximately 215 community members united as one to show support for women facing violence as they participated in the fourth annual "Walking the Park: Stomp Out Sexual Assault" in April at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

Co-sponsored by East Central University, the Ada Family Crisis Center and the Pontotoc County District Attorney's Office, the event celebrated the National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

National statistics confirm that one-third of Indian women

will be assaulted in their lifetimes.

"This event demonstrates how important it is for the community to join together to take a stand against sexual assault," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Community involvement and awareness are keys to bringing an end to this blight on society."

The event featured a walk in Wintersmith Park, speakers from the health care, law enforcement and other agencies, a tribal dance troupe demonstration and a balloon releas-



East Central University's Peggy Saunkeah, left, introducing sexual assault awareness walk keynote speaker Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker. Dr. Parker serves as the administrator of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health.

ing ceremony.

Speakers included Dr. Judy Goforth-Parker, tribal Division of Health administrator; Jim Tillison, Pontotoc County assistant district attorney; and Peggy Saunkeah, program coordinator of East Central University's Campus Initiative to Reduce Crime Against Woman.

According to Cathy Daniels of the Chickasaw Nation's Office of Violence Prevention, sexual assault is the most under reported and least understood crime in the country.

"Walking the Park' brings awareness to the most under reported crime in America, sexual assault," said Daniels.

"Many victims of this crime often feel alone and helpless after an assault, which is un-



More than 200 Ada-area residents show support for sexual assault victims as they walk to "Stomp Out Sexual Assault" annual walk at Wintersmith Park last month.

acceptable in our community."

About Chickasaw Nation Office of Violence Prevention:

A part of the Chickasaw Nation Division of Youth and Family Services, the Office of Violence Prevention provides advocacy services, shelter, transportation, career and education services and mental health counseling to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking and their dependents. Services are available to both native and non-native victims residing in or relocating to the Chickasaw Nation. For more information, please call (580) 272-5580 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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April 2012 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Chloe Miller

Chloe, daughter of Marsha Miller, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Chloe Miller

She is in the second grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by her second grade teacher, Kristi Smith.

"Chloe has been on the honor roll all year and was recently given a reward in Accelerated Reader. She reads above grade level and always reaches her goal," said Ms. Smith.

Her hobbies include being outdoors and learning the Chickasaw language.

"When I grow up I want to graduate high school, attend college and be a dentist," said Chloe.

Tamara West

Tamara, daughter of Jared and Lavonna West, of Francis, Okla., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Tamara West

She is in the second grade at Francis Elementary and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie DelFrate.

"Tamara is a very intelligent and hard working young lady who sets very high standards for herself," Ms. DelFrate said. "I have found her to be very pleasant and always willing to complete any task she is assigned."

Her hobbies include fishing, playing her Wii, going to Thunder games, playing basketball and helping take care of her brother's goat.

Johnathan DelFrate

Johnathan, son of Terry and Stephanie DelFrate, of Stratford, Okla., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.



Johnathan DelFrate

He is in the fourth grade at

Byng Elementary and was nominated by fourth grade teacher Tracy Allison.

"Johnathan is very serious about his education. He sets high goals and works very hard to obtain these goals," Ms. Allison said.

In his spare time he enjoys playing outside and helping his dad at the Oil Center Fire Department. He is involved in 4-H, Native Voices Club and was also voted Byng Elementary Johnson O'Malley Student of the Year for the fourth grade.

In Native Voices Club, Johnathan participated in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair and won grand prize for his artwork.

Brooklyn Gibney

Brooklyn, daughter of Misty Gibney, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Brooklyn Gibney

She is in the sixth grade at Latta Elementary and was nominated by sixth grade teacher Tammy Collins.

"Brook is a joy to be around and has such a great attitude," Ms. Collins said.

She is a huge fan of all sports, enjoys spending time with her family and loves helping her poppa cook. "He makes the best homemade french fries in the world!" Brook said.

Each summer she attends Camp Barnabas, a camp for special needs children. Being a camper inspires her to someday open her own ranch for kids with special needs.

"My future plans are to become a rehabilitative specialist focusing on the motor skills that are affected by brain damage," Brook said.

Galeah Graim

Galeah, daughter of Gilbert Graim Sr. and Monica Jones-Graim, of Bakersfield, Calif., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Athletics.



Galeah Graim

She is in the eighth grade at Stonecreek Jr. High and was nominated

by English teacher Lana Martin.

"Galeah continues to make the honor roll and college is in her future," Ms. Martin said. "She was also a teammate on our girls' basketball district championship team."

A few of her hobbies include basketball, cheerleading, dance and singing.

"My future plans are to be a model and a teacher," Galeah said.

Payton Whitehead

Payton, son of John and Jonell Whitehead, of Colbert, Okla., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Academics.



Payton Whitehead

He is in the 10th grade at Colbert High School and was nominated by Indian Education Director Wanda Williams.

"Payton is an excellent student and role model for his peers," Ms. Williams said. "He not only excels academically but is an athlete who is also involved in many extracurricular activities."

His hobbies include fishing, hunting and raising peacocks with his grandfather. Payton is involved in many clubs and organizations, such as student council, National Honor Society, Oklahoma Honor Society and the Oklahoma Indian Student Honor Society.

"My future plans are to attend the University of Oklahoma," Payton said.

Addison Manning

Addison, daughter of Michael and Donna Manning, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Citizenship.



Addison Manning

She is in the 11th grade at Latta High School and was nominated by 11th grade teacher Karen Keith.

Addison is a well-mannered student who always does her best," Ms. Keith said.

Since entering high school she has been involved in speech, drama, National Honor

Society and DECA. She is also the photographer for DECA and the National Honor Society for 2011-2012.

In her spare time she enjoys photography, art, reading and writing.

"My future plans are to pursue photo journalism," Addison said.

George Mobley

George, son of Gordon and Shirley Mobley, of Belton, Texas, is an April 2012 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement Award for Overall Achievement.

He is in the 12th grade at Belton High School and was nominated by lead counselor, Beverly Stephens.



George Mobley

"George is an outstanding young

man with good character," Ms. Stephens said. "He has challenged himself with several computer courses and has already been accepted to college to pursue a degree in computer engineering."

Favorite pastimes include spending time with friends, playing computer and video games, and Boy Scouts.

George is very active in community and volunteer work. He is most proud of his volunteer work with the student Red Cross chapter that raised money to help the Emergency Disaster Response Relief.

"I have been accepted at Florida College and plan to major in computer science technology," George said.

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Honor Club sisters



Sisters Hunter and Taylor Weems enjoy an evening bowling at the Lazer Zone in Ada in celebration of being named Chickasaw Honor Club students.

The Chickasaw Honor Club celebrated another successful school year with end-of-school celebrations for Honor Club students in the Norman, Ardmore and Ada areas.

Chickasaw students in second through 12th grades qualify for the Chickasaw Honor Club program. Students must maintain grades no lower than a "B" in regular courses and

a "C" in advanced or honors courses. This program encourages students to strive for academic excellence by providing incentives for grades, perfect attendance and outstanding achievement.

For more information about the Chickasaw Honor Club, contact Lynn Chatfield at (580) 421-7711.

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After School students engage in happy, healthy activities



Chickasaw students Jarius Smith and Emma Epperly join in a game of tug of war during the tribal After School Program.

Mike McKee



Jordan Willis crabwalks his way to the finish line in an activity during the tribal After School Program this spring.

Several Chickasaw kids spent the last few weeks doing parachute pushups and playing tug-of-war and kickball after school.

These were just a few of the activities offered to students in the Chickasaw Nation After School Program.

Offered every spring and fall, the After School Program is a six-week session that creates opportunities for Chickasaw students to learn new skills and knowledge, exercise and develop healthy lifestyles and lasting friendships.

"I made a bunch of new friends," said eight-year-old Isabella McGinley, a student at Hayes Elementary in Ada.

Students also learned how to make nutritious snacks, went

swimming, took field trips to local sites, and studied first aid.

"We learned what to do if someone is choking; we can help them," said Jordan Willis, a fifth grader at Willard School in Ada.

Jordan added his favorite part of the program is "shooting basketball hoops."

"We do a lot of fun stuff," he said.

Outdoor exercise and activity was stressed during the spring session. Students played baseball, kickball and football in the park and participated in many other outside activities.

The outdoor time was Anna-mae Palmer's favorite thing.

The Nine-year-old said she enjoyed going to the East Cen-

tral University tennis courts and to other places around Ada, including Wintersmith Park.

The After School Program is free of charge and will be offered again in the fall. The hours are 3:30 - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admittance is on a first come-first served basis for Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees' children. About 25 area students attended the spring program.

For more information about the After School Program, contact Tonya Bierce at (580) 310-6620 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Children's Choir, guitar students at Spring Concert



The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities presented the Spring Music Concert on April 28 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. The concert was presented by the Chickasaw School of Guitar and Chickasaw Children's Choir. Chickasaw Children's Choir Students, from left, Checotah Fuls, Martina Lane, Danya Impson, Trenton Way, Brandy Lane.



Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities presented the Spring Music Concert April 28 at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. The concert was presented by the Chickasaw School of Guitar and Chickasaw Children's Choir. Chickasaw School of Guitar Students, standing from left, Zeke Brannon, Myraya Folsom, Daniel Mead, Braden Cooper, Blake Nucosee and Jordan Barnes. Seated from left, Faithlyn Seawright and Jerico Carpitche.

'Week of the Young Child' celebrates the kids!



Michelle Key and granddaughter Ella Key helped celebrate Week of the Young Child during the annual balloon launch.

ADA, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Child Care and Head Start Departments celebrated the Week of the Young Child April 23-27. Many activities were conducted for the children attending the Child Development Center and the Head Start program.

Celebrations began April 23 with a kickoff parade. Children marched from the Child Development Center to the tribal Wellness Center, and back. Children displayed decorated signs, carried balloons and marched with homemade noisemakers during the parade.

Other activities during the week included Little Olympics, a Fun Fair, an ice cream party, a balloon launch, hands-on

activities and car seat checks. Throughout the week approximately 300 parents and family members attended the different events.

The Child Care Department partnered with Safe Kids of Oklahoma to conduct car seat checks. Through Safe Kids of Oklahoma, five car seats were checked and three car seats were provided to those in need of a new, safe car seat.

Week of the Young Child is a national event that occurs each year in the month of April and is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Department at (580) 421-7711.

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Head Start students Ben Key and Jaylyne Huddleston lead the children's parade to kick off the Week of the Young Child.



Health and Wellness coordinator Shane Richardson watches as T.J. James plays kick ball during the Little Olympics activities.

Head Start volunteer parents honored



Teachers Lauri Stevenson and Christina Hodges of the Ardmore center receive a plaque from director Danny Wells as the center for the most books read. Ardmore students read 525 books and had the most reader volunteers.



Danny Wells, Chickasaw Nation Head Start director, presents Rachel Wood of the Tishomingo center with a plaque for contributing 376.3 hours of community service, more than doubling her volunteer hours from last year.

ADA, Okla. - The Division of Education acknowledged Head Start parents and volunteers at the Head Start Parent Appreciation Dinner May 7 at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

Parents, volunteers and staff members from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start centers were present. Certificates and plaques were presented to several parents and volunteers for being committee members and officers, policy council representatives, top classroom and center volunteers, foster grandparents and reading volunteers.

Two special awards were presented. Rachel Wood received the Community Volunteer of the Year Award; Renee James received the Parent Volunteer of the Year Award. The Ardmore Head Start was also recognized as the center with the most books read and having the most reader volunteers.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, contact Head Start director Danny Wells at (580) 421-7711, an area Head Start center or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Connections

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This month on *Connections*:
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"Going Hunting"- June 13

June is National Great Outdoors Month. We'll have an ex-

pert outdoorsman in the studio to talk about hunting, fishing and survival tips while exploring the great outdoors.

"Buckle Up"- June 20

It's also National Drive Safe Month. We'll talk with a local law enforcement officer to find out what you can do to be a safer driver.

"The Power of Positive"- June 27

The Law of Attraction states that we attract into our lives whatever we think about. Find out how you can channel the power of positive in your daily life.

Questions and comments for guests can also be emailed to feedback@kcnpradio.org.

CHR Cheryl Willis honored for work in child safety



Cheryl Willis, Sulphur Area Office Community Health Representative, shows the proper way to safely install a child safety seat. Mrs. Willis was recently honored with the Child Safety Seat "Instructor of the Year" award for her work to teach others to be child safety seat technicians.

Chickasaw Nation Sulphur Area Office Community Health Representative (CHR), Cheryl Willis was recently honored for her efforts as a National Child Passenger Safety Certified Instructor.

Mrs. Willis was named the "Instructor of the Year" during the annual Martha Collar Tech Oklahoma Child Passenger Safety Conference conducted in April.

In addition to her duties as a tribal CHR, Mrs. Willis teaches others to become Oklahoma Certified Child Safety Seat Technicians.

"I am honored and very surprised to be nominated by my peers and recognized for this state award," said Mrs. Willis, who has been a child safety seat technician since 2006.

Mrs. Willis teaches technicians to check for proper fitting and installation of child safety seats, and provide child safety seat education.

"We are trying to reduce the incidents of improper installation and trying to cut down on childhood injuries." Mrs. Willis also coordinates the grant-funded child safety seat

program for Chickasaw Nation citizens and provides education about child safety.

"If I can teach parents one thing that would keep their child safe, I sleep better."

Mrs. Willis gave credit to her co-worker's support to be able to work to keep Chickasaw children safer.

"It's for our people. They are the ones we are here to serve."

When asked to recommend a safety seat, Mrs. Willis said, "The best seat is one that fits

your child, fits in your vehicle, and is easy to use correctly, every time.

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About Safe Kids Oklahoma

Safe Kids Oklahoma was founded in 1989 by the late Martha Collar. Martha was a trailblazer in injury prevention for the state of Oklahoma.

This month on CNTV

The Language Channel recently debuted on Chickasaw.tv. Find out more about this new and exciting way to learn Chickasaw language this month on CNTV.

A new play about the life of Te Ata, a Chickasaw woman who was one of America's most beloved Native storytellers will be presented this month in Oklahoma and in Washington D.C.

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Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science students visit Tulsa

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Math & Science participants recently visited Tulsa during their Spring Break trip on March 17-19.

Over 25 students attended the three-day trip that centered on showcasing the wide variety of careers in the Math and Science fields.

Students visited the Oklahoma Aquarium in Jenks where they participated in a behind-the-scenes tour of the facility spotlighting the care of the animals.

The Tulsa Air and Space Museum was also one of the destinations during the trip. Students attended workshops on the solar system and rockets, worked with flight simulation software and toured the museum.

Students also visited Oklahoma State University's Tulsa campus and participated in a presentation highlighting the many programs related to the math and science field offered by OSU.

Closing the trip, students toured the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.

Upward Bound students attend Lighthouse PD Drug & Alcohol Program

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students participated in a drug and alcohol abuse program presented by the Chickasaw Nation Lighthouse Police Department on March 24.

Tammy Hughes and Ashley Griffin provided a presentation over prescription drug abuse detailing the harmful effects they can cause and some of the symptoms demonstrated by abusers. During the second half of the program, students

participated in a driving-while-impaired course with Captain Vincent Walters.

Through the course, students experienced the simulated effects of drugs and alcohol showing impairments drugs and alcohol have on physical abilities and judgments.

Upward Bound Leadership Council Sharpens Skills

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council students participated in a team building and leadership training on March 31 at the

Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Leading the program was founder/operator Rhett Laubach from YourNextSpeaker LLC and PLI Inc.

Students participated in intense teambuilding training and also looked in-depth at what it means to be a student leader.

The Leadership students also learned several small and large group activities they will be using as they lead their peers during the 2012 summer session.

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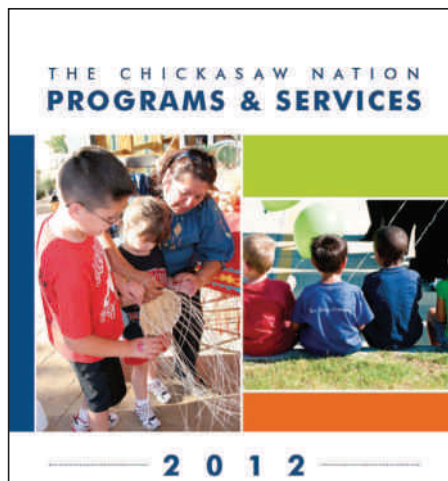


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Johnna Walker named to Native Americans in Philanthropy Board



Ms. Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director, Chickasaw Foundation

Congratulations to Ms. Johnna R. Walker, executive director of the Chickasaw Foundation, for being nominated and elected to the Native Americans in Philanthropy Board.

Native Americans in Philanthropy was formed in January 1990 when a group of Native people affiliated with philan-

thropic institutions convened at a national meeting in Chicago to discuss the socio-economic status of Native people and the limited role philanthropy had played in helping this population.

The Philanthropy board and members hold a vision of healthy and sustainable communities enhanced by the Native spirit of generosity. The vision inspires and motivates member engagement through their mission which is to advance philanthropic practices grounded in Native values and traditions.

Ms. Walker recently returned from the 7th Annual Native Philanthropy Institute held in Los Angeles.

While at the conference she had the chance to create opportunities, promote co-learning and knowledge of resource sharing, learn about philanthropic/community partnerships and explore the intersection of identify and equity with diverse communities.

Sarah Ward is Foundation 'Student of the Month'

Ms. Sarah Ward, a sophomore at Sulphur High School, has been selected as the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month for April 2012. She has been a participant of the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program for two years.



Sarah Ward

Sarah is a member of First Christian Church of Sulphur and serves as a junior deacon, worship leader and an active member of the Church Youth Fellowship and Emerging Disciples programs.

Sarah is active in singing, dancing, reading, exercising, playing sports and the piano, and taking photographs with her aunt. She holds a 4.0 grade point average and is ranked third in her class while taking all honors courses. She was recently awarded a Christian leadership trip to Washington,

D.C. and New York.

Sarah participated in the March of Dimes Walk for Babies, St. Jude's Marathon, Relay for Life, First Christian Church Soup Kitchen & Clothes Closet and visits nursing homes and veteran's hospitals.

Sarah plans to attend Oklahoma State University and major in pre-medicine and become a neonatologist.

If you are interested in the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound and its programs, you may contact their offices at (580) 371-9583 or by email at ChickasawFndUB@chickasaw.net.

Chickasaw Foundation Call for Artists

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. We are currently accepting donations of Native American artwork for our art auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 16, 2012. This reception is held annually to recognize donors

and volunteers.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 we established the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance). This one-time award is a competitive scholarship offered annually. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

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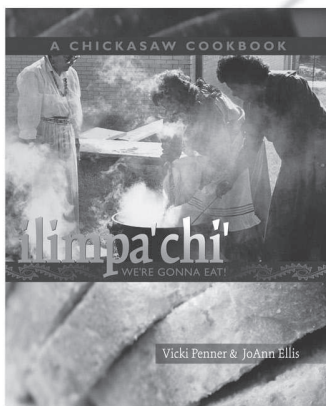


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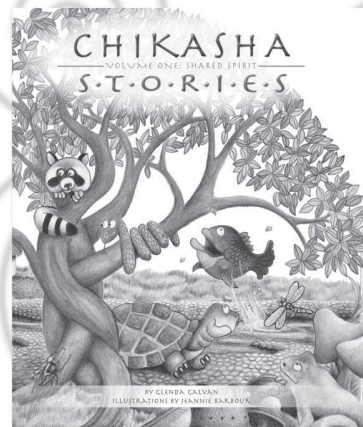
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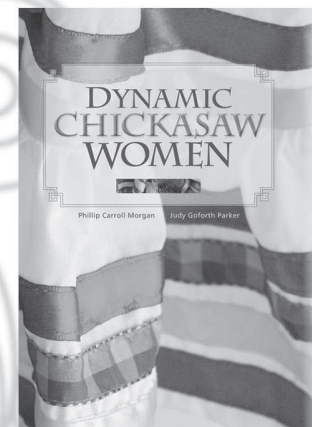
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Tribal business operation making headway

Gov. Anoatubby tours renovations at Lone Star Park

GRAND PRAIRIE, Texas - Governor Bill Anoatubby recently toured the newly-renovated Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie.

Global Gaming Solutions, LLC, a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Nation, purchased Lone Star Park in 2011 and unveiled the multi-million dollar renovations earlier this year.

"The improvements made to the facility are impressive as is the early impact it appears to have had on attendance and revenues," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It is my hope we continue to build upon the successes of this facility as we offer a quality experience for racing patrons and other Dallas/Fort Worth residents searching for unique entertainment options."

The renovation is the first of several major capital improvements planned for Lone Star Park.

As part of the renovation, Global Gaming updated the 15-year-old Post Time Pavilion and renamed the facility. The 36,000 square-foot, Las Vegas-style simulcast Racebook casual dining restaurant has been upgraded and redesigned. The building will continue its operating schedule of 363 days a year.

"Lone Star Park is situated

in a world-class entertainment corridor with sports, amusement parks, concerts, museums and more," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Through Global Gaming, our goal is to create a racing facility that matches our neighbors in that entertainment corridor. The new interiors, technology as well as the new menus will create an exciting and fun environment and attract new clientele to this first-class horse racing facility in the heart of the Dallas/Fort Worth metropolis."

Improvements to Lone Star Park have resulted in a 17 percent increase in attendance at the facility.

The centerpiece of the renovation is an expansive new area featuring big screen televisions, a multi-user interactive touchscreen television table, a larger remodeled bar area centered in the room complete with lounge seating in a glass enclosed area separate from the existing Racebook.

Twelve 32" dedicated flat screen televisions and three projection televisions in the area feature all major sports events throughout the year, attracting racing, football, basketball, baseball, golf and hockey fans.

The new Racebook accom-

modates up to 250 customers with individual racing carrels and televisions. Two VIP suites have been completely remodeled and enhanced with new video walls featuring the latest in HDTV technology. These suites, reserved for top players, feature dedicated wait staff and self-serve mutual equipment.

The renovated Post Time Pavilion area is complete with a multi-user interactive touchscreen television integrated into a table. The television displays an interactive electronic menu with direct order capability as well as allowing various media content and games to seamlessly project on the table. All televisions, including a television table and projection screens are HDTV compatible providing access to any sporting events that broadcast in that format.

Upon entering, the world of sports is immediately brought into focus not only by the many televisions and video projections, but by oversized 9'x12'



Gov. Anoatubby, Division of Commerce officer Frank Johnson Jr., Global Gaming Solutions CEO John Elliott, and Division of Commerce CEO Bill Lance tour Lone Star Park in Grand Prairie, Texas.

art banners featuring the most recognizable and iconic sports moments in North Texas history.

The grand opening was celebrated January 12 with a reception saluting the American Diabetes Association's "Stars of Texas...Racing Against the

Odds" hosted by Janeen and Randy Galloway, Lone Star Park at Grand Prairie and Global Gaming Solutions.

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Tribe honors area child care providers during appreciation dinner in Ada



Tracy Cohee was the Family Child Care Home gift winner during the child care provider appreciation dinner. Ms. Cohee is the owner of Tracy's Home Day Care in Ardmore, Okla.

ADA, Okla. - Child care providers from across the Chickasaw Nation were honored with a May 10 appreciation dinner at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education Child Care Department hosted the dinner.

Representatives from numerous child care facilities

were in attendance for the dinner. The Child Care Department awarded each facility a Child Care Provider Grant to use for facility improvements or educational needs.

"These daycare facilities work hard to provide quality care and education to children in our many communities across the Chickasaw Nation," said Child Care Department director Michelle Key. "This dinner is just a way to express our gratitude to these individuals and provide assistance through our grant program to help them continue great quality care."

The Provider Appreciation Dinner is an annual event that recognizes facilities that care for American Indian children.

For additional information about the child care program, contact child care director Michelle Key at (580) 421-7711 or visit www.Chickasaw.net.

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Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to individuals stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

If you know men or women who fit the criteria and would like to add them to the military care package list, **please contact Ms. Randi Payne at (580) 310-6451 or randi.payne@chickasaw.net**.

Thank you for your assistance and for supporting our troops!

Invitation to Bid

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Commerce will be accepting sealed bids on a 2004 Cavalier mobile home that is located at 1501 CS 2820, Pocasset, Oklahoma. It is situated on the building site of the Salt Creek Casino.

A bid packet may be obtained by contacting Misse Walden at misse.walden@chickasaw.net or 580.310.6467.

A photo and instructions for submitting bids will be provided in the bid packet.

2012 Chickasaw university graduates listed

Edward Adcock, Midwestern State University, Applied Science; Jera Alcorn, East Central University, Library Science; Joseph Andrews, University of Oklahoma, Sociology; Brooke Baber, East Central University, Human Resources; Beau Barnes, Texas Tech University, Accounting; Spencer Barnett, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, General Studies; Sterling Beard, Dartmouth College, History; William Belvin, Lyon College, English; Amy Brackenbury, University of Oklahoma, Foreign Language; Chelsey Branham, University of Oklahoma, Psychology; Heather Branscum, East Central University, Business Administration; Laure Bridgforth, Oklahoma Christian University, Public Relations.

Maegan Brown, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Religious Studies; Justin Bryant, Howard Payne University, Business Administration - General; Crystal Buchanan, University of Oklahoma, Anthropology; Marcella Burke, University of Houston Law Center, Law; Samantha Burris, Cornish College of the Arts, Drama; Tessa Burris, University of Central Oklahoma, General Education; Shiloh Butts, Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Weatherford, Pharmacy; Rachel Byars, Oklahoma Baptist University, Education; Adam Byrd, Virginia Tech, Engineering; Pamela Center, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, Education; Zachary Chaffin, John Hopkins University, Engineering; Charles Chesnut, Pepperdine University, Religious Studies.

Brianna Clarke, California State University - Fresno, Liberal Arts; Jordan Cook, Cameron University, Psychology; Jennifer Corbin, East Central University, Nursing; Amanda Cornuke, University of Montana, Communications; Cristie Cravatt, University of Oklahoma - Tulsa-Schusterman Center, Nursing; Joe Cregger, East Central University, General Studies; Milton Croissant, Metropolitan State College of Denver, Fine Arts; Ethan Davis, Oklahoma City University, Education; Kirbie Day, Texas A & M University - College Station, Animal Science; Tyler Devaughan, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Dentistry; Kelly Devitt, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Finance; Randi

Duke, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Health Science; Lindsey Ellis, University of Central Oklahoma, Elementary Education; Whitney Estes, Northern Oklahoma College - Stillwater, Nursing; Desiree Ewing, University of Phoenix - Phoenix, Business Administration - Management; Joseph Ferguson, Lamar University, Educational Leadership; Keith Ferguson, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ministry; Alonzo Fields III, Oklahoma State University - Oklahoma City, Political Science.

Johnie Flores, University of Houston, Education; Kaitlyn Folsom, Ithaca College, Communications; McKenzie Foster, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, Natural Resources; Jeannette Fox, Cornell University, Government; Jessica Freeman, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Nursing; Megan Galles, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Nursing; Libby Gann, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Nutrition; Sarah Gilmore, Tulane Law School, Law; Terri Girdley, East Central University, Special Education; Terrin Glenn, Hill College-Johnson County Campus, Marketing; Roslyn Godwin, University of Phoenix - OKC, Criminal Justice; Hayley Graham, Gonzaga University, Business Marketing; Erin Gray, University of Oklahoma, Human Relations.

Joshua Gray, Old Dominion University, Fine Arts; Jessica Gross, Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Weatherford, Master of Education; Hannah Gunzelman, University of Kansas, Psychology; Tyler Hall, University of Central Oklahoma, Advertising; Ashley Hardy, Kennesaw State University, Finance; Sara Harr, University of Houston - Downtown, Communications; Lowell Harris, University of Oklahoma, Criminal Justice; Marissa Hatton, University of California - Santa Barbara, Political Science; Krystle Henry, University of Kansas, History; Lyndsay Henry, University of Central Oklahoma, Business Administration; Terri Henry, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Elementary Education; Jeffrey Hill, Oklahoma State University - College of Osteopathic, Medicine; Amber Hogue, University of California Santa Cruz, Community Studies; Hilary Hullinger, University of Oklahoma,

Environmental Science; Jessica Igo, Colorado State University, Animal Science; Kristin Ikard, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Environmental Health.

Ashlea Keel, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Nursing Science; Spencer Kiddie, Murray State College, Undecided; William Kimberlin, California State University - Bakersfield, Education; Michael Kirk, East Central University, Physical Education; James Kline, University of Oklahoma, Zoology; Sharlee Knighten, East Central University, Human Resources; Chase Knowles, University of Oklahoma, Aerospace Engineering; Stephen Knowles, University of Oklahoma, Education; Douglas Lee, East Central University, Computer Technology; Kyle Little, University of Texas - Austin, Nursing; Shannon Littlefield, East Central University, Mass Communication/Media; Kelley Lunsford, East Central University; Aaron Manuel, East Central University, Criminal Justice.

Lana Marshall, Pratt Art Institute, Art; Malinda Maus, University of North Texas - Denton, Elementary Education; Virginia Maynard, Vanderbilt University, Law; Preston McGehee, University of Oklahoma, Accounting; Amber Meeks, California State University - Fullerton, English; Kayla Meeks, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Physical Therapy; Bridgitt Merillat, Adrian College, Marketing; Rheanna Miller, Washington University School of Medicine, Occupational therapy; Cara Miroglio, University of California - Davis, Biology; Lushanya Mobley, Florida College, Liberal Studies; Darlene Morgan, University of Phoenix - Phoenix, Teaching Credential; James T. Morgan, East Central University, Exercise Science; Larry Morgan, East Central University, Law; Victoria Morgan, East Central University, Nursing; Eric Murphy, Carleton College, International Studies.

Kelsey Nail, Oklahoma Christian University, Biblical Studies; Dena Ned, University of Utah, Social Work; Lisa Nelson, East Central University, English; Suzanne Nelson, Baylor University, Journalism; Josh B. Newton, East Carolina University, Management Information Systems; Wendy Newton, University of Oklahoma, Human Relations; Megan

Nicholas - Harper, Mills College, Government; Mollie Norris, East Central University, Counseling; Hanna Nutt, University of North Texas - Denton, Criminal Justice; Heather Parker, Texas A & M University - Galveston, Liberal Arts; Joel Paul, Brigham Young University, Italian; Caitlin Perdue, University of Maryland - College Park, Music; Krystal Peter, University of Texas - Permian Basin, Education.

Blake Pickens, University of Oklahoma, Film Studies; Tiffanie Pierce, Saint Louis University, Nursing; Meghan Piper, University of Missouri - Saint Louis, English; Austin Plott, Arizona State University - Tempe, English; Verona Pray, Murray State University, Human Services; Zachary Presley, Wichita State University, Fine Arts; Krystal Price, Texas Woman's University - Denton, Theater; Brittany Pritchett, University of Oklahoma, Geology; Lou Pritchett, Sonoma State University, Business Administration; Sarah Ragland, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, Human Development & Family Science; Tara Rains, Oklahoma State University - Tulsa, Accounting; Melissa Ricard-Cruz, California State University - Dominguez Hills, Psychology; Jeffrey Roberts, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, Political Science.

Brandy Rodke, University of New Mexico - Albuquerque, Psychology & Film; Jeffrey Roeser, University of Arkansas - Fayetteville, Biochemistry; Lauren Rogers, University of Central Oklahoma, Music; Tatum Sallee, East Central University, Education Administration; Jill Sarro, University of Texas - Galveston, Nursing; Ryan Schwab, Texas Tech University, Management; Sara Schwartzkopf, University of Denver, International Studies; Sarah Sebert, University of Central Oklahoma, Social Services; Ariana Seidel, Penn State University, English; Ellen Shamas Brandt, University of Colorado - Denver, Educational Leadership; Jessica Shouse, University of Central Oklahoma, Forensic Science; Tiffany Specht, East Central University, Human Resources; June Standridge, East Central University, General Education; Chad Stanton, Southwestern Oklahoma State University - Weatherford, Education Administration.

Lisa Stephens, Walden Univer-

sity, Nursing; Kaylee Struempfl, Colorado Technical University - Colorado Springs, Accounting; David Sweet, East Central University, Criminal Justice; Whitney Sweet, Arizona State University - Tempe, Psychology; Sean Swinney, University of North Texas - Denton, Education; April Taylor, University of South Carolina, Environmental Science; Kaytlin Tharp, Bob Jones University, Culinary Arts; Joni Thomas, St. Edward's University, English; Michael Tinnell, Columbia Southern University, Criminal Justice; Samantha Tippen, University of North Texas - Denton, Chemistry; Samantha Todd, Humboldt State University, Child Development; Jennifer Van Dyck, University of Oklahoma, Human Relations; Matthew Van Dyck, Texas A & M University - Corpus Christi, Finance; Thomas Jake Vietzke, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, Philosophy.

Benjamin Vines, Texas Tech University, Health Sciences Center, Science; Logan Walcher, University of Central Oklahoma, Graphic Design; Kara Walk, University of Central Oklahoma, Education Administration; Niki Walker, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Physical Education; Katherine Wallace, Louisiana State University - Baton Rouge, Music; Lisa Wallace, University of Texas - Austin, Social Work; Lauren Ward, Missouri State University, Fashion Merchandising; Cherrie Warden, Loyola Marymount University, Urban Education; James Warren, Oklahoma State University - Stillwater, Animal Science.

Eric Weber, University of Oklahoma, Human Relations; Alfreda White-Carr, Texas Woman's University - Denton, Health Management; Travis Wilmer, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Engineering; Sarah Wilson, Wake Forest University, Business; Emily Winn, University of Phoenix - Phoenix, Business Management; Annie Woodworth, Northeastern State University - Broken Arrow, Education; Lindsay Woolley, San Diego State University, Criminal Justice, and Kyle Worcester, University of Central Oklahoma, Management Information Systems

Briana Booth



Briana Booth is a 2012 graduate of Vanoss High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of James and Carol Booth. She is the granddaughter of Rozanna and Dwight Grove.

Briana was active in softball and a cheerleader. She was a member of Future Farmers of America (FFA), Business Professional of America (BPA), the art club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to major in education with a minor in Native American Studies.

Katelyn Danelle Bush



Katelyn Danelle Bush is a 2012 graduate of Ector High School, Ector, Texas. She is the daughter of Daniel and Marcia Bush. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Linda Cooper and the late Sammie and the late Mary Bush. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Preston and Ruby Cooper, the late Orland and the late Sue Gardner and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Caroline Milligan.

Katelyn was a member of the Beta Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). She was a member of the softball team, the basketball team, ran track and cross country. She is an active leader in the Boyd Baptist Church Student Ministry.

She plans to attend Grayson County College, Denison, Texas to pursue a degree as a child psychologist.

Karl Caton

Karl Caton is a 2012 graduate of Vanoss High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Karey Hyatt and Russell Caton. He is the grandson of Judith and Gary Grisso.

Karl was active in basketball for four years, served as Business Professionals of America chaplain for one year, member of the art club for four years serving as president for two years, and a student council representative his senior year.

His plans are to attend East Central University for two years, transfer to the University of Oklahoma and graduate with a bachelors degree in kinesiology with a minor in history.



Tayla RayGail Cole

Tayla RayGail Cole is a 2012 graduate of Achille High School, Achille, Okla. She is the daughter of Vick and Barbara Cole. She is the granddaughter of O.C. and Barbara Beshires and a descendent of Levi Colbert.

Tayla was involved in Family, Career and Community Leadership of America (FCCLA) for five years.

Her plans are to attend Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., to pursue a degree in physical therapy.



Madison Tyler Davila



Madison Tyler Davila is a 2012 graduate of Devine High School, Devine, Texas. She is the daughter of Kami and Cathey Davila. She is the granddaughter of Sheryl and Toby Cathey.

Madison was a member of the Honor Class and the National Honor Society. She played softball and writes her family history, short stories and loves hiking and the outdoors.

Her plans are to attend the University of Texas, Austin.

Carson Kennedy

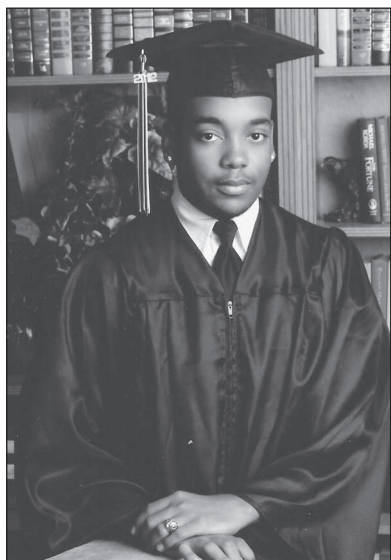


Carson Kennedy is a 2012 graduate of Charles Page High School, Sand Springs, Okla. She is the daughter of Mike and Terri Kennedy. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Ginny Pope.

Carson served as class president, president of the Native American Student Association, a member of drama band and the Horizons Club.

She plans to attend the University of New Mexico to pursue a degree in education.

Eric Alexander Leach



Eric Alexander Leach is a 2012 graduate of East Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas. He is the son of D'Lynn Dick-Leach. He is the grandson of Curtis Dick and Lynda Lehman-Dick.

Eric attends a magnet high school in Las Vegas. He was a member of the Las Vegas Aces rugby team, the Gear Up Program and is currently in the Integrated Technology Program.

His plans are to attend Arizona State University to major in computer engineering.

George Mobley



George Mobley is a 2012 graduate of Belton High School, Belton, Texas. He is the son of Gordon and Shirley Mobley.

George is a member of the Boy Scouts of American and will soon receive his Eagle Scout. He currently ranks in the top 15% of his class. Five of his electives were in computer technology and he carries a 4.0 grade point average (GPA), with six college credits at Temple College, Texas. Inspired by five years of designing, building, testing and programming robots for a First Lego League Team his goal is computer engineering.

His plans are to become a pre-engineering student at Florida College with an emphasis in computer science. A five-year program will lead to a master of science degree in engineering.

The Mobley's are proud of their Chickasaw heritage and cherish the history. They hope their own contributions to society can somehow pay honor to the memory of their Aunt "Lushanya" Mobley, who was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2009.

Crystal Marie Nutter

Crystal Marie Nutter is a 2012 graduate of Chillicothe High School, Chillicothe, Texas.

She is the daughter of Duane and Wendi Nutter, of Chillicothe. She is the granddaughter of Jerry and Brenda Nutter, of Chillicothe, and R.D and Linda Price of Hollister, Missouri.

Crystal was active in volleyball and basketball. She is a member of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and Eagle Heroes. She was recently nominated the 2011-2012 High School Coronation Queen. She was named to the basketball 2010-2011 All District second team and 2011-2012 All District first team. She received All American Eagle Award 2011-2012 and listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students in English*. She is a active member of the First Baptist Church Youth Group in Vernon, Texas. She received three awards from Texas Big Game Awards.

Her plans are to attend Vernon College to earn a degree in cosmetology. Then attend College of the Ozark in Hollister, Missouri to receive a degree in counseling.

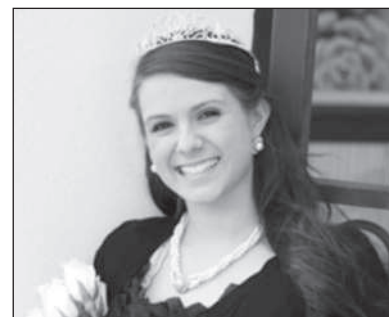


Lushanya "Lushi" Mobley

Lushanya 'Lushi' Mobley is a 2012 graduate of Florida College, Temple Terrace. She is the daughter of Gordon and Shirley Mobley. She is the sister of Mary and George Mobley.

Lushanya will graduate with Cum Laude Honors with a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts. She also received her associates degree with Cum Laude Honors. Lushanya was on the Honor Roll of Scholars from 2009-2012 and was nominated by Florida College to *Who's Who in 2011 and in 2012*. She was chosen by her peers to the Mr. and Miss Florida College Court in 2011 and 2012 and was recently crowned 2012 Queen of Spring and reigned over the annual Florida College Spring Festival.

The Mobley's are proud of their Chickasaw heritage and cherish the history. They hope their own contributions to society can somehow pay honor to the memory of their Aunt "Lushanya" Mobley, who was inducted into the Chickasaw Hall of Fame in 2009.



Travis Paul Wilmer



Travis Paul Wilmer is a 2012 graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., earning a bachelor of science degree with a major in chemical engineering. He is the son of Paul and Leslie Wilmer, of Round Rock, Texas. He is the grandson of Leland and Karen Brumley, of Houston. He is the great-grandson of Velma Petigrew Brumley Patterson, of Duncan, Okla.

Travis is a descendent of Gabrel and Lucy Brown, Lizzie Brown Petigrew, Sallie Carney Ford, Arch McCannon Petigrew and Willie Maggie Ford Brumley, all original enrollees.

Travis was a member of the varsity football team, the MIT Engineers, throughout his college career.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation Division of Education for all the support you have provided throughout his collegiate career.

Lisa Karen Stewart

Lisa Karen Stewart is a 2012 graduate of Temple College. She graduated May 12, 2012 with an associate of arts degree. She is the daughter of the late Lucille Davis Stewart and the granddaughter of the late Annie Potts Davis, an original enrollee, and the late John Taylor Potts.

Ms. Stewart is proud to be Chickasaw and proud that the Chickasaw Nation supported her in this endeavor.



Lindsay Elaine Eddy



Lindsay Elaine Eddy is a 2012 graduate of Academic Magnet High School, Charleston, S.C. She is the daughter of Jeff and Kristin (Woerz) Eddy. She is the granddaughter of Judith Woerz, and the niece of Chickasaw Nation Legislator David Woerz. She is the great-granddaughter of Margaret (Ruth) Hyden and the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollee Minnie Thomas Stewart Roll #2611.

Lindsay received national recognition last month after being named a National Merit Scholar by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. While in high school, she also received the AP Scholar Award, the Honors European Literature Achievement Award, Drama Class Award, and has represented her school in the Quest Academic Competition. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the French National Honor Society and member of the local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Lindsay enjoys spending her spare time horseback riding and has been an active member of the United States Pony Club throughout high school. She is active within her church and church youth group and has been on the South Carolina Diocese Episcopal Youth Commission for the past two years. She is passionate about volunteering. In addition to her volunteer work with the Youth Commission and church, she also volunteers at the Medical University of South Carolina and at a local Episcopal youth camp.

Lindsay's summer plans involve interning as a camp counselor at Camp St. Christopher and doing missionary work in Ireland. She will attend Furman University in the fall where she plans to study Chemistry and pursue a career in medicine.

Stephanie Weaver

Stephanie Weaver is a 2012 graduate of Stratford High School, Stratford, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Sawnette Weaver. She is the granddaughter of Gayle and Wendell Weaver, Wanda Russell, Jerry and Barbara Kuykendall, Donnie and Earlene Raines. She is the sister of Lance and Zachery Weaver.

Stephanie attended Mid-America Technology Center as a con-current student and finishes the cosmetology program at the technology center.

She plans to attend Paul Mitchell in the fall to continue her education in cosmetology.



Lou Karen Pritchett-Cain



Lou Karen Pritchett-Cain graduated May 12, 2012 from Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Calif. She graduate Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a Wine Business Strategies concentration.

She is currently the office manager at Schug Carneros Estate Winery in Sonoma, Calif. This degree is in addition to her Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Oklahoma, Norman. This business degree has provided knowledge of the wine business in her current position and with her new business venture, Monte De Oro Vineyards and Winery in Temecula, Calif.

William Robert Sanders

William Robert Sanders is a 2012 graduate of Fossil Ridge High School, Keller, Texas. He is the son of Jeff and Samantha Sanders. He is the grandson of Jim and DeAnna Little and Bill and Eveonne Sanders. His the brother to Maxwell.

William is graduating in the top ten of his graduating class (#7). He participated in UIL Math & Science, Business Professionals of American (BPA), Academic Decathlon, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). He is the keyboard player on his church's worship team and has been playing piano for six years. He is a member of the Chickasaw Nation Honor Club.

His plans are to attend the University of Texas at Arlington to receive a degree in civil/structural engineering.

William's great-grandmother was Wynema Vale Little and she would have been so proud to see this day as we are. Congratulations, William!



Tyler Jeffrey Frizell

Tyler Jeffrey Frizell is a 2012 graduate of Texas A&M University at Galveston. He is the son of Jeff and Toni Frizell, of Austin and the grandson of Loretta Frizell, of Paoli, Okla., and Don and Claudine Tally, of Snow, Okla.

Mr. Frizell earned a Masters Degree in Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. He is a 2005 graduate of Llano (TX) High School.

He wishes to express his appreciation to the Chickasaw Nation for the grants and scholarships that made it possible for him to attain this level of education and pursue his dream of becoming an environmental scientist.



Traci Crossland-Tate

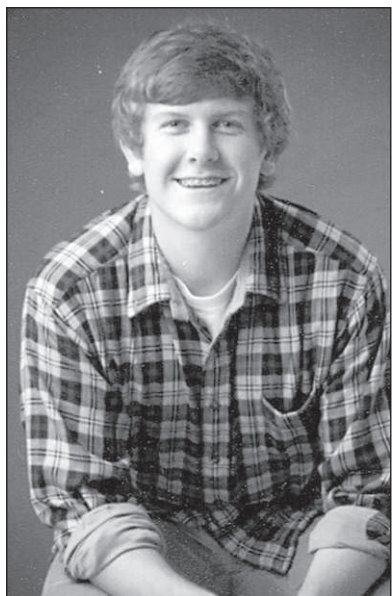
Traci Crossland-Tate is a 2012 graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant. She is the great-granddaughter of Claude Franklin Elmore, an original enrollee, and the great-great-granddaughter of Charles A. Brown.

Ms. Tate earned her second Masters Degree in Education Administration. She recently passed the English certification for middle school and high school and completed the principals certification test to qualify her to serve as vice-principal or principal.

She is employed at Piner Middle School, Sherman, Texas, as a physical education instructor and coach of volleyball, basketball and track. She moved back to Oklahoma and plans to teach in the Oklahoma School System.



Samuel Harrison Smith



Samuel Harrison Smith is a 2012 graduate of Norman High School, Norman, Okla. He is the son of Michael Colbert and Kathryn R. Smith. He is the grandson of the late Colbert C. and Marjorie A. Smith and the great-grandson of Mabel Smith, an original enrollee. He is a descendant of Winchester Colbert and the nephew of the Honorable Justice Barbara Anne Smith.

Samuel participated in basketball, soccer and golf. He volunteered as an assistant in the classroom for handicapped students at Norma High School during his senior year. He was a member of the Principal's Honor Roll and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll, a member of the 2012 homecoming court, a participant of Norman High Cable TV show 'Tiger Den' and volunteered at Second Chance Animal Shelter at Norman.

He has been accepted at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, and Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colo. He has been offered a scholarship and plans to attend Fort Lewis College.

Benjamin Colbert Smith



Benjamin Colbert Smith is a 2012 graduate of Fort Lewis College, Durango, Okla. He is the son of Michael Colbert and Kathryn R. Smith. He is the grandson of the late Colbert C. and Marjorie A. Smith and the great-grandson of Mabel Smith, an original enrollee. He is a descendant of Winchester Colbert and the nephew of the Honorable Justice Barbara Anne Smith.

He graduated April 29, with a Bachelor of Art degree in Sociology. He is a member of the Chickasaw Honor Roll and a recipient of numerous Chickasaw scholarships and grants.

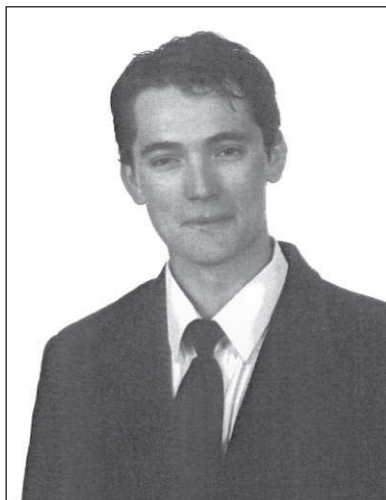
Mr. Smith wishes to extend his gratitude to the Chickasaw Nation's Education Department for its generous financial support in helping him achieve his goal.

Marshall Egge-Ogas

Marshall Egge-Ogas is a 2012 graduate of Rhema College of Theology, Tulsa. He is the son of Mario and Callie Ogas, of Honover, N.M. He is the grandson of Walter and Valla (Jack) Egge, of Hurley, N.M. He is a direct descendent of Chickasaw original enrollees, Sugar Johnson (great-great-great-grandmother) and Walter Jack (great-great-grandfather).

Marshall graduated with honors on May 18. He will return to Silver City, N.M., to work in his home church. His mother and his brother, Isaac, attended his graduation.

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William Blake Belvin



William Blake Belvin is a 2012 graduate of Lyon College, Batesville, Ark. He is the son of Jimmy and DeAnna Belvin, of Norman, Okla. He is the grandson of the late William Guy Belvin and Ruby Josephine Belvin, both Chickasaw original enrollees and the late Dorland and Joan Wilburn, of Fort Cobb, Okla.

He attended Lyon College on Lyon's prestigious Anderson Scholarship for academics and leadership and graduated May 5 earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He completed his college studies as a Chickasaw Honor graduate. He was a member of the Dean's Honor Roll, a member of the Lyon College Honor Council, a member of the Mortar Board National Honor Society for college seniors, and a member of Pi Sigma Alpha National Honor Society (political science), Phi Sigma Tau National Honor Society (philosophy) and Theta Alpha Kappa National Honor Society (religion). He was awarded the 2012 Lyon College Humanities stipend for religious studies by Theta Alpha Kappa. He is a lifetime member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and was awarded the chapters "Teke of the Year" award for 2012.

He will serve as a Chickasaw Nation intern with the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Gaming Commission in Washington, D.C. this summer. In the fall he will attend the University of Arkansas where he has been accepted in the law school and the graduate school programs. He will pursue the dual degrees of Juris Doctor and a masters in political science with emphasis in International Trade and Law. He joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard in 2008 and continues to serve in the storied 45th Division as a paralegal specialist.

Mr. Belvin is very proud of his Chickasaw heritage.

Nevada Cole



Nevada Cole is a 2012 graduate of East Central University. He is the son of Rosanna Easterling and Ronald Cole. He is the grandson of Dawatha and the late Coy Easterling and Elsie and the late Kenneth Cole.

Nevada earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Biology.

He has been employed with Real Screen Video and will continue to travel representing the company. He and his brother operates Cole Brother's Cattle Company, Connerville, Okla.

He plans to seek employment in the science

field.

Thank you Governor Anoatuby and the Chickasaw Nation for your help and support.

Thank You

Thank you for all the graduation submissions.
Congratulations to all Chickasaw graduates!

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Billy Hester, 405-340-5469

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Chris Rodke, 505-450-4802

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Mark Fields, 210-269-2619

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday
John C. Atkins, 972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Texarkana Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

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April 20, 2012

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson David Woerz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Members absent: Scott Colbert, Steve Woods
Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms

Guests present: Waymon Hison, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Jeff O'Dell, Judy Goforth Parker, Dana Lance, Michael L. Wingo

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -
March 16, 2012

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve the minutes of March 16, 2012.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

11 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2012, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number 29-003, Amendments to Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Corrections)

Ms. Hammond gave the report in the absence of Mr. Woods.

This resolution corrects section numbers and adds missing capitalization in Titles 3 and 5 of the Chickasaw Nation Code.

Ms. Hammond recommended to table PR29-003 for corrections.

A motion was made by Mr. Tim Colbert and second by Mrs. Alexander to table PR29-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

11 yes votes
The motion to table PR29-003 carried unanimously. Ms. Hammond concluded her report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 29-020, Right-of-Way Easement in Love County

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma has presented an application for a Right-of-Way to acquire additional property for road improvements for controlled access at Rogers Road located in Love County, Oklahoma, containing 1.28 acres, more or less. This right-of-way is to improve traffic flow at the Winstar Casino site and waives any costs of damages ordinarily associated with such an easement.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and second by Ms. Hammond to approve GR29-020.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

11 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-020 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-021, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County Oklahoma, for addition to Artesian Site property.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and second by Mr. Tim Colbert to approve GR29-021.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

11 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-021 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-022, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County

This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Pauls Valley, Garvin County Oklahoma, for a residential treatment center.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and second by Ms. Green to approve GR29-022.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

11 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-022 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 29-023, Amendments to General Resolution 19-020

The Chickasaw Nation previously acquired a certain

tract of land in Murray County, Oklahoma, pursuant to General Resolution 19-020. This resolution amends the legal description for congruity amongst the required documentation and authorizes the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to request said tract of land to be placed U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation, if such action is advantageous.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and second by Ms. Barker to approve GR29-023.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

11 yes votes
The motion to approve GR29-023 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Mike Watson expressed a need for summer youth activities to be offered west of Interstate 35, and a need for tutoring programs for the youth living in outlining areas.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:11 a.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Dean McManus
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

2010-2011 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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Bobbie Jean Boutelle



Bobbie Jean Boutelle, 65, of Las Vegas, died March 24, 2012.

She was born November 25, 1946 at Alameda, Calif. to Floyd and Viola Garrett.

She married William Joseph Boutelle January 27, 1963 and was blessed with 49 years of marriage.

She loved gardening, and had a green hand, not thumb! She loved to ride motorcycles with her husband and sons, camp and fish, barbeque and picnic, and the outdoors. She enjoyed listening to jazz and classic country, but mostly she loved her four grandchildren.

She dedicated her career to children. She was a wonderful personal Nanny, and more recently an infant/pre-school teacher at La Petite, in Las Vegas, and had a wonderful 20 years in this field. She was a teacher, friend, and mother to us all.

She loved life, and loved to laugh. She was always having a good time, and had wonderful stories of people she had met in her life. She instilled the Chickasaw heritage in her children, and grandchildren, and was very proud to be Chickasaw, and with that strong Chickasaw pride, she held nothing back.

She is survived by the love of her life, William Joseph Boutelle; two sons and daughters-in-law, William Lee and Linda Lee Boutelle, of Las Vegas, and Joseph Henry and Lynette Kay Boutelle, of Fairview, Ore.; four grandchildren, William Benjamin and Terra Ann Boutelle, of Las Vegas and Lola Gene and Joseph-William "Joe-Billy" Henry Boutelle (Jr.), of Fairview.

She leaves behind many wonderful lessons, and memories, and will be missed beyond words.

John Reed 'J.R.' Lasiter

John Reed 'J.R.' Lasiter, 70, of Corinth, Texas, died April 9, 2012. A celebration of his life was April 23 at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Littlefield, Texas with internment at Littlefield Memorial Gardens.

He was born September 4, 1941 at Littlefield, to Dock and Edith Lasiter and was the grandson of original enrollee Lottie Kaney and George Washington Lasiter.

He married Sue Anderson on December 8, 1962.

He was proud of his Chickasaw heritage and passed that pride to his children and grandchildren.

He spent his entire adult life working in all aspects of the telecommunications industry, including pole climbing, construction, engineering and regulatory supervision.

His had suffered from poor health for many years and in 2004 was the recipient of a heart transplant.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his sister, Laraine Kay Cook.

He is survived by his wife, Sue; a son, Johnny Lasiter, of Arlington, Texas; a daughter Angela Colwell, of Littlefield; two grandsons, Cole Stafford, of Moore, Okla., and Shawn Lasiter, of Arlington; four granddaughters, Shelbi Brown, of Rankin, Texas, Jessica Stafford and Amanda Stafford, of Littlefield, and Shayna Stephens, of Midland, Texas; and three great-granddaughters, Kaitlin and Makenna Kopeck and Kyndall Brown, of Rankin; and a brother, Larry Ray Lasiter, of Santa Fe, N. M.; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends.

Bearers were Johnny Lasiter, Ray Lasiter, Shawn Lasiter, Cole Stafford, Bill Anderson and Mike Fowler.

James Albert Mason Jr.



James Mason Jr., 80, of Choctaw, Okla., died April 20 2012 at Midwest City, Okla. Services were April 23 at Bill Eisenhower Funeral Home with Chaplain Richard Chew officiating. Cremation will be at a later date.

He was born October 27, 1931 to James Albert Mason Sr., and Eloise James Mason at Clarita, Okla.

He was married to Colene Burditt Mason.

He was a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Mason worked as a truck driver and was a member of the Teamsters Union. He enjoyed traveling, going to the lake, his dogs, owning a Pomeranian, Poodle and Yorkie over the years. He enjoyed Oklahoma Sooners girl's basketball and softball.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Patsy A. Mason; and all of his siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Colene Mason, of the home; a son, Tony Mason, of Newalla, Okla.; two daughters, Mona Mason, of Midwest City, Okla., and Sandy Mason, of Choctaw; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Floyd Henry Shipman



Floyd Henry Shipman, 89, died April 25, 2012 at Norman, Okla. Services were April 28, at the Crossway First Baptist

Church at Sulphur, Okla., with Rev. Bill Leveridge officiating. Interment followed at Oaklawn Cemetery.

Mr. Shipman was born January 31, 1923 to George Matthew and Lillian (McMillian) Shipman at Bristow, Okla.

He enlisted in the U. S. Army in March 1943 and served 33 months in North Africa and Italy during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on December 10, 1945.

He and Mary Wyna (Nichols) Mitchelmore were married June 10, 1965 at Sulphur.

Mr. Shipman worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a rural mail carrier for Sulphur for 22 years before retiring in April 1988. He also worked twelve years in the parts department for Cooper Auto Store and as a roughneck in the oilfield for 30 years.

He was an artist working in oils, acrylics and watercolors. He was a member of the Artists of the Arbuckles since 1980 where he served as president and parliamentarian. He was a 63 year member of the Masonic Lodge serving as Master six times and received his 50 years pin in 1999.

Mr. Shipman loved his family, church and art, and was very proud to be a Chickasaw tribal elder.

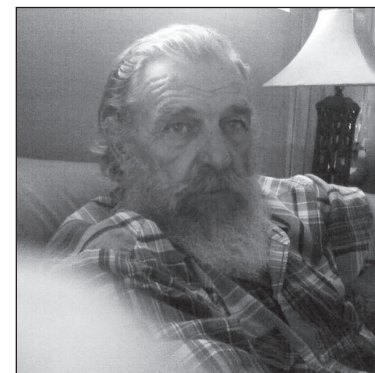
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, who died July 27, 2007; parents; brothers, G.W. and Harold Shipman; and granddaughter, Stacie Shipman.

He is survived by daughter, Marilyn McCurtain and husband, Lynn, of Sulphur; sons, Larry Shipman and wife, Donna, of Blanchard, Okla., and Garry Mitchelmore and wife, Mary Beth, of Littleton, Colo.; two sisters, Maxine Johnson, of Moore, Okla., and Sandra Stalcup, of Clovis, N.M.; seven grandchildren, Heather Teague, Grant Mitchelmore, Kristen Laney, Dillon Shipman, Mercy Szalaj, Kemper Shrader and Kempy Shrader; and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Leland Kilgore, Charles White, Randall Kirby, Russell Watson, De Lannom, Keith Mann and Jack Riffe.

Online condolences may be sent to www.halesfuneral-homes.com

Charles 'Doug' Stewart



Charles "Doug" Stewart, age 64, of Lone Grove passed away on Wednesday May 9, 2012 in Ardmore. Services will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, May 12, 2012 at New Hope Free Will Baptist Church with Brother David Gardner officiating. Cremation to follow with Hillcrest Crematory, Ardmore.

He was born July 15, 1947 to Kenneth W. Stewart (father) and Vera (Chambler) Bowman and Don "Daddy" Bowman at Ada, Okla.

He married Patricia Stude-man on July 15, 1967 at Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Stewart attended Ardmore (OK) High School. He took employment with Dornick Hills and later worked for Big Chief Roofing. He then went to work for North Side Salvage, Sun Day Concrete Construction, and for Glenn Stanley Concrete.

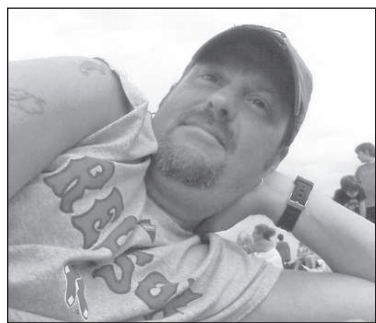
In 1972, he became a volunteer fireman. He then worked for Bullard Oilfield services for the next 15 years. He returned to Glenn Stanley Concrete and then for the Southern Fence Company. He became self-employed when he became owner and operator of Stewart's Concrete Construction. His favorite thing to do was playing with his children and grandchildren and working on his farm.

He was preceded in death by his father; his dad; his mother' and a brother.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia, of the home; a daughter, Alanda Pinkerton and husband, Jason, of Lone Grove, Okla., a son, Kenneth Stewart and wife, Nikki, of Lone Grove; special son, Robert Cox, of Lone Grove; five grandchildren, Katlyn Stewart, Miranda Stewart, Charles Stewart, Robert Pinkerton, and Samantha Pinkerton; a special brother, Claude Hamilton, of Ardmore, a sister, Donna Hudson and husband, Doug, of Lone Grove; a brother, Raymond Bowman, of Ardmore; an aunt, Betty Jefferson, of Oklahoma City; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be left at www.Griffin-HillcrestFH.com

Christopher K. Black Sr.



Christopher K. Black, Sr., 42, of South Portland, Maine died April 25, 2012, as the result of a tragic car accident. A celebration of his life was April 28 at Stroudwater Baptist Church in Portland, Maine.

He was the great-grandson of original enrollee Harriet Immotichey Burnett.

Although many people's lives have been changed by his untimely death it is with confidence we can say he is at peace abiding in the arms of his Heavenly Father and enjoying the company of those who died before him. Life itself is short and difficult but it is what you do with your time on this earth that counts.

One can say without a doubt that Chris' life did not go uncounted. He was a loving father, devoted son, caring uncle and friend to many. He was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage. His outgoing personality and sense of humor were contagious, he could quote every one liner from movies, the Family Guy and The Simpson's and used his sense of humor to get through many difficult times.

He loved music, playing the guitar and spending time with family and friends. Those who knew him knew he had a deep relationship with God and began each day and closing each evening with prayers for himself, his family and friends. He

had faith and trust in God, his higher power. His license plate read GOD&AA.

He is survived by a son, Christopher Black, Jr.; a daughter, Haley Tana Black; his mother, Barbara Black-Tomblinson and step-father Eddie Tomblinson; an aunt, Diane Milam, of Ada, Okla.; a niece, Amanda Coulombe; nephews, Ian Black, Josh Coulombe and wife, Alicia; two great-nieces; and one great-nephew.

He preceded in death by his father, Robert Black; a sister, Tana Black-Coulombe; and a brother, Randy Black.

Gene Brown

Gene Brown, 71, of Ardmore, Okla., and Ada, Okla., died May 10, 2012. He was cremated and his final resting place is at the Enville (OK) Cemetery next to his mother, Mary B. Johnson.

He was born April 13, 1941 to Cubby Brown and Mary Brown Johnson at Enville, Okla. He was the grandson of original Chickasaw enrollee, Levi Brown and Annie Sealy Brown.

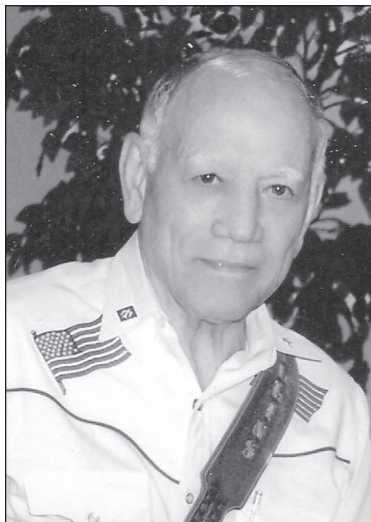
Mr. Brown attended school at Carter Seminary, Ardmore, and graduated from Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas. While attending Haskell he was active in football and participated in many other activities.

He was a great storyteller about his many adventures and challenges he faced during his lifetime. He loved watching sports, classic westerns and being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cubby Brown and Mary Brown Johnson; and brothers, Johnny Mack, Ronnie, and Donnie.

He is survived by six daughters, Mary, April, Jean, Monica, Jessica and Misty; seven grandchildren; nephews; nieces; numerous cousins; and two sisters, Ruby Freedle and Pat Holt.

Bill M. Collins



Bill M. Collins died on a beautiful spring evening in Oklahoma City, March 23, 2012. Services were March 27 at Bill Merritt Funeral Home.

Mr. Collins graduated from central High School and joined the U.S. Army National Guard. While in the 45th Division, he served two terms in World War II as first sergeant. In the Battle of Anzio, Italy, he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. He was a 32nd Degree Mason.

Mr. Collins worked in insurance claims until he retired.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Ruth; mother, Bess; father, Mike; and a sister Jane Stanmire.

He is survived by his daughters, Linda Williams and husband, Jerry Williams, and Coby Collins Hardison and husband, Ed Hardison; grandchildren, Kristi Hoskins and husband, Stan Hoskins, and Kelly Coonts and husband, Randall Coonts; step-grandchildren, Dr. Lance Hardison and Kristin Stejskal and husband, Chad Stejskal; great-grandchildren, Carter, Presley, Madison, Luke, Graham and Kyden.

Donations may be made to American Heart Association. Condolences may be made to www.billmerrittfuneralservice.com

LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
APPLICANT: NEWFIELD EXPLORATION MID-CONTINENT, INC.

RELIEF SOUGHT: POOLING

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, GARVIN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA C A U S E CD NO. 201203075-T

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO ALL PERSONS, OWNERS, PRODUCERS, OPERATORS, PURCHASERS AND TAKERS OF OIL AND GAS, INCLUDING The Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Mulsie Lowmer, now Schlosser f/k/a Mulsie Williams, nee Lowmer, deceased, Chickasaw Roll No. 2674, as successor to original Allottee, Emely Lowmer, deceased, Chickasaw Roll No. 2671 c/o Office of the Field Solicitor United States Department of the Interior; The Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Mulsie Lowmer, now Schlosser f/k/a Mulsie Williams, nee Lowmer, deceased, Chickasaw Roll No. 2674, as successor to original Allottee, Emely Lowmer, deceased, Chickasaw Roll No. 2671 c/o Bureau of Indian Affairs Subsurface Leasing; Steven M. Sims; T. S. Dudley Land Company, Inc.; Glen J. Schoenhals and Barbara A. Schoenhals, Co-Trustees of the Schoenhals Family Living Trust dated April 16, 2003; Larry Ward; Betty Jo Mullican; Three Sisters Royalty Trust, Mia Ann Horlbeck, Trustee; Frank G. Evans, Jr., Trustee Jean Alden Porter Trust #1; Jon S. Ragland; Gregory W. Olson; Martha Jane Stewart s/p/a Jain Stewart; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor Trustee to The Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, M.W. Perry, Jr. and M. D. Pemberton, Trustees of the Perry Trust Oil and Gas Group/TX-1315; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., successor Trustee to The Liberty National Bank and Trust Company of Oklahoma City, M.W. Perry, Jr. and M. D. Pemberton, Trustees Oil and Gas Group/TX-1315; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Trustee of the Perry Trust Oil and Gas Group/TX-1315; Brad T. Feuerhelm; and all persons if living or if deceased, their known and unknown successors and all corporations existing and if dissolved its known and unknown successors and all persons having an interest in the lands covered hereby, particularly in Garvin County, Oklahoma.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Applicant requests that the Commission pool the interests and adjudicate the rights and equities of oil and gas owners in the Virgilian, Hoxbar, Deese, Morrow, Springer Sand, Mississippian, Woodford,

Hunton and Sylvan common sources of supply underlying the 640-acre drilling and spacing unit described as Section 18, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Garvin County, Oklahoma and designate Applicant or some other party as operator of the proposed well and all subsequent wells drilled in the unit; and that Applicant be given one year to commence operations for the drilling or other operations with respect to the unit. The Applicant additionally requests that this pooling be a unit pooling.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause be set before an Administrative Law Judge for hearing, taking of evidence and reporting to the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this cause will be heard before an Administrative Law Judge on the Initial Hearing Docket at the Corporation Commission, Eastern Regional Office, 440 South Houston, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74127, at 8:30 a.m. on the 25th day of June, 2012 and that this Notice be published as required by law and the rules of the Commission.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that in the event this cause is uncontested, the Applicant, its representatives, witnesses and other proponents of the Applicant may appear and testify by telephone. The cost of telephonic communication shall be paid by the person or persons requesting its use. Interested parties who wish to participate by telephone shall contact the Applicant or Applicant's attorney, prior to the hearing date, and provide their name and phone number.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons may appear and be heard. For information concerning this action, contact Tarah Angelidis, Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, Inc., One Williams Center, Suite 1900, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74172, 918/582-2690 or Ron M. Barnes, CRUTCHMER & BARNES, P.L.L.C., 1648 S. Boston Ave., Ste.100, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74119, 918/382-8686.

CORPORATION COMMISSION OF OKLAHOMA

DANA L. MURPHY, Chairman

BOB ANTHONY, Vice Chairman

PATRICE DOUGLAS, Commissioner
DONE AND PERFORMED this 18th day of May, 2012.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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MAY 2012 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 29-024**Approval of Application for Funding, Family Violence Prevention and Services**

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for federal funding to the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, for the continuation of the Family Violence Prevention and Services project up to and including the FY2016 funding cycle. With the funds from the grant, the Chickasaw Nation is able to assist clients with emergency shelter and related costs when leaving an abusive situation. This can include emergency housing, food, clothing, household items, bedding, beds, kitchen items, transportation, advocacy, emotional support, etc. The grant also allows the Chickasaw Nation to provide crisis counseling, safety planning and education regarding domestic violence, assistance with protective orders and facilitate a weekly support group, "Spirit Circle." The Chickasaw Nation also makes many referrals to tribal and non-tribal agencies to assist with transitional housing, legal and other needs. This grant serves Chickasaw, other Native American and non-Native American victims and their dependants. The grant proposal formula funding is calculated based on tribal population.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda

Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-025**Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Davis Oak Hills Chickasaw Travel Stop)**

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for The Davis Oak Hills Chickasaw Travel Stop, Project Number 1131-DAV-RTL-C in the amount of \$5,329,906.00.

Phase 1 of the Davis Project to build a new Chickasaw Travel Stop at the Oak Hills location, west of I-35. This location will provide easy access for southbound traffic to the travel stop while complimenting the new Visitor's Center and the Bedré Chocolate Factory. In addition to providing more accessibility, it allows for the replacement of the existing Davis Trading Post without interruption.

This proposal involves the design, engineering and construction of a new 9,579 square foot building. The building will house a C-store, new gas pumps and canopies and sewer system upgrades. The building will also provide for approximately 60 future gaming spaces.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

General Resolution Number 29-026**Approval of Development Budget Amendment (Ada Maintenance Building Phase II)**

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for Ada Maintenance Building Phase II, Project Number 20-0098-10 in the

amount of \$212,663.00.

Phase II of the Ada Maintenance Building was based on the original Scope of Work and was created August, 2010. The original scope of work included a gravel drive leading into the facility and using concrete for the parking areas; and did not include a connecting road to the vehicle maintenance garage building.

Having a concrete road leading into the facility will provide a permanent roadway requiring little to no maintenance. Additionally, construction of a connecting road to the adjacent property will make it convenient to transport vehicles and equipment to the vehicle maintenance shop without utilizing the public roadway. Since the original Development Budget was submitted, construction material costs have increased almost double due to the rise of oil and fuel prices.

Presented by: Finance Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 14, 2012

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Finance Committee
May 14, 2012

Present: Scott Colbert, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Health Care Committee

May 7, 2012

Present: Connie Barker, Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Absent: Shana Hammond

Human Resources Committee

May 7, 2012

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Scott Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, David Woerz

Absent: Shana Hammond

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